Inflation rate down to 13% a month ahead of target

Single-figure inflation is in sight, with the Government reaching its inflation target for this year a month early and a further fall expected in January. Mr Charles Williams, Price Commission chairman, said yesterday that less frequent increases were likely in future, some as much as 12 months apart. (Business News, page 17)

Earnings outlook still the uncertain factor

ensure that the annual rate of inflation will continue to fall.

After that, average earnings are likely to play a dominant role

in deciding how great inflation will be in the second half of

The Government hopes that the fact that inflation has been very low for the past few months will influence the thinx-

tion and by a slowing of price rises in the shops.

In the past few months the Government has had the special

factor of a fall in seasonal food prices helping it bring down in-

flation as fruit and vegetables became more plentiful. This

and a very sharp increase in the index for services. Much of

this, however, was accounted for

£7 rebate to subscribers because it had made too much profit.

the fact that the cost of

ing of wage negotiators. It is expected that they will be impressed both by the broad logic of the Government's posi-

By David Blake

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partment of Employment yescrosy. secutive drop in the annual in-flation rate from its high point of 17.7 per cent in May. In October the annual rate was

A further decline is expected in December, which should confirm that the Government has succeeded in reducing the annual rate to 13 per cent by the lost quarter—its stated goal. The fall in the underlying rate of inflation in recent worths hus been even more dramatic, going from a high ramatic, going from a high point of 20 per cent in May to 8.7 per cent in November. This is measured by examining changes in prices of all items except seasonal foods over the past six months and then conserving the figures.

verting the figures to an angualized rate. November is the second month in which inflation, as gauged by this test, has been within single figures.

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of Sate for Prices and Consumer

Note for Prices and Consumer Protection, pointed out that the annual figures failed to record the success which the Government has had in slowing price rises because they are influenced by big increases early in the way caused by the pound's he year caused by the pound's

Mr Booth, Secretary of State r Employment, used the occanon to give credit for the sucand to call for perseverance with them. He was clearly ask-ing union negotiators to accept age increases within the guide-

Mr John Methyen, director-

Bakers' ban threatens Christmas bread By Christopher Thomas

An overtime ban by bakery workers in England and Wales will begin tomorrow unless weekend peace efforts produce a settlement. The producers say it will cut supplies by a

The action results from a national ballot by the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union among its 57,000 members over a pay offer that would, according to the employers, increase average earnings by slightly more than a tenth. The union said the offer was rejec-ted by two to one.

The Federation of Bakers, whose members include the three main producers, Ranks Hovis McDongall, Spillers French, and Allied Bakeries, said that next week overtime would have risen to cope with the Christmas demand.

The federation's members own 230 bakeries, producing more than seven tenths of all bread. Smaller, private bakeries, where the union has no members at the control of the c bers, will escape the ban.

The employers say the industry is in a serious financial state and is still recovering from the last bakery workers strike, less than three months ago. The producers make 0.012p profit on each standard loaf.

Pay rises are the one great uncertainty hovering over the mouthly movement in prices next year. Until the late spring the fall in the cost of manufacturers' raw material, caused by the strengthening of the pound and sluggish world demand for commodities, should demand that the sanual strengthening of the pound and sluggish world demand for commodities, should appear that the sanual strengthening and stren and Arbitration Service apparently made repeated telephone calls to the union's head-quarters in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, while the 18-member resident are resident as meeting. national executive was meeting yesterday, but failed to get a reply. It has offered to meet either party to the dispute this

The workers' ballot produced a big majority in favour of an overtime ban rather then a strike. Most bakery workers do overtime to bridge a gap beween shifts. The union seeks consolida-

tion of increases received under phases one and two of the pay policy (£8.50 in most cases) so that they would count for overtime and bonus pay. ments, a 10 per cent rise and an extra three days' holiday. It says that the employers' offer is worth 6 per cent on basic

advantage will soon disappear, but it is hoped that the fall in the underlying rate of industrial costs will by then have been so great as to allow higher prices for seasonal foods to be absorbed within the index. duce four fifths of all bread in England and Wales. If the ban is imposed, Christmas supplies will be insufficient. The em-ployers say that the union is not following agreed bargain-

There was also an increase in the price of durable goods ing procedure.

Mer David Duke-Evans, director of the Federation of Bakers, said the action might force producers, to rationalize and close bakeries. Profit margins, where they existed, were low. The employers say that their telephone calls in previous months had been artificially de-pressed by the fact that the Post Office was handing back a

offer gives increases of from 6 per cent to more than 15 per cent on weekly earnings, and that to grant the union's claim would breach government guidelines.



The Queen goes by Tube: The new £30m Tube extension to Heathrow may be a gleaming technological miracle, but yesterday at least it did not seem the best all-round buy for some trunk-laden, travelweary air passengers (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

The Queen officially opened the extension and inspected, among other marvels a computerized, trilingual journey planner, which features a coloured video display to help traveliers to reach their destination. Accompanied by Mr Rodgers, Secretary

of State for Transport, and representatives of the GLC, she travelled the mile and abalf of new track between Hatton Cross and Heathrow Central stations in the motorman's cab (above). She recalled the first occasion she had

travelled by Tube, in 1939, and contrasted it with her opening of the Victorian Line eight years ago. "The ticket clerk saw eight years ago. The ticket clerk saw nothing wrong with my sixpence in those days, unlike the automatic ticket machine at Victoria, which seemed very reluctant to take the responsibility of issuing me with a ticket", she said.

Because of a lift engineers' dispute, which ended on Monday, only two of the six escalators were working in time for the opening, despite concentrated efforts by London Transport staff. Some two and ahalf hours after the inauguration, the first public train left Wood Green station, in north London, at two o'clock. By mid-afternoon curiosity seekers were thronging the shining nalls and moving walkways of the new station and seller of commemor-

doing a roaring trade. The extension makes Heathrow the first large international airport directly linked into the Underground system of a great

into the Underground system of a great capital city. At 80p for a single journey between central London and the airport, which takes 47 minutes, the result has been proclaimed a great benefit in cost, time and tempers.

But journeys to and from Heathrow by other methods of transport yesterday showed a slightly different picture. If other, more personal factors such as comfort, round-the-clock availability, and even scenic value, a point of importance for tourists if not businessmen, are taken into tourists if not businessmen, are taken into account, the new Tube line performs rela-

Inquiry finds roads are being built in wrong place

By Michael Baily

Britain has been building unnecessary roads, and build-ing them in the wrong places, according to the Leitch committee, whose report is expected to be published soon,

Traffic growth has been over estimated in past road proposals, the committee finds, and road construction costs have been underestimated

The committee was appointed by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, last January after widespread disquiet among environmentalists and others over new roads such as the M3 Winchester by-pass, and over traffic forecasts used to justify them.

Its chairman is Sir George Leitch, chairman of Short Brothers and Harland and a former Department of Defence pioneer of analytical techniques. The committee's task is to review methods of appraising roads proposals and of traffic

The criteria for road posals are too simple and naive, the committee finds, and as a result large and costly roadworks have been built where something simpler, theaper, and less disruptive would have met the traffic

There has also been a tendency to build roads in open country, where it is easier, where it is more difficult, costly, and unpopular, although the need for some unbuilt urban roads is far greater than for Continued on page 2, col 5 some rural roads already built, and the cost-benefit is superior.

Cyprus kidnappers extend deadline

authorities have made contact candidate to Mr Kyprianou, with the kidnappers of the 21year-old son of Brazilian "It would be year-old son of President Kyprianou and are trying to obtain his resease, a senior Gov-ernment official announced here

a former Eoka-B leader, but all he had been able to achieve so far was to get the kidnappers to extend by 48 hours their deadline for killing Second-Lieutenant Achilleas Kyprianou if all political prisoners are not annested. prisoners are not amnestied. The deadline is now 8 pm

Tonight, Mr George basos, the Communications Minister, said: "We know who the kidnappers are, and they know that we know them." He did not elaborate.

Mr Glafkos Clerides, leader of the Democratic Rally Party, said today he was withdrawing from the February presidential election because of the kid-

Cyprus if party divisions and a preelection campaign were to be added to the already tense atmosphere created by the horrible kidnepping of Presi-lent Kyprianou's son," Mr Clerides said in his statement. Thousands of high school students marched silently past the President's office today, many carrying placards reading "freedom for Achilleas".

The President told them: "I wish to assure you that I am facing this problem as a father too, but primarily as head of state having in mind the parional interest"—IIPI and AP Writ refused: Kyriakos Mariou Kakis, a former Eoka-B member, lost his High Court battle yesterday to prevent extradi-tion to Cyprus to face a fouryear-old murder charge.

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Mr Carter and Mr Begin may join **President Sadat in Cairo summit**

Blair House, he told reporters: "We discussed the most impor-

tant problems concerning the peace-making process in the Middle East. He had lunch with congressional leaders.

Afterwards Israeli spokesmen

would say only that the talks were held in "an extramely good atmosphere", and that they were concerned with two issues, the "Palestinian Arabs"

(Mr Begin's preferred termino-

loss) and Sinai. Presumably Mr Begin told Mr Carter what territorial concessions Israel would make to Egypt.

lined proposals concerning future relations between Egypt

The White House statement

The Prime Minister out-

said Mr Carter bad conferred with President Sadat by tele-phone after seeing Mr Began. Mr Carter seeing Mr Begin.
Mr Carter is passing through
the Middle Bast on his way to
and from India at the new year
and it would be entirely
possible for him to go to Cairo,
say, for a summit. That might
be a suitable moment for bringing King Husain of Jordan into
the process.
Mr Begin is staying at Blair

taries. He walked across the road to the White House at 8

um. The first hour's discussions were tête-à-tête. The two men were then joined by officials for a second hour. One of them

the process.

Mr Begin is staying at Blair
House, the guest house put at
the disposal of visiting digni-President Carter.

Face to face: Mr Begin and

resolving the issue of Pales-tinian Arabs. Obviously, a particular focus was on the direct talks which have commenced between Egypt and Isroel, All aspects of the current Middle East situation were discussed in the context of the search for a

comprehensive peace. Mr Begin leaves for Israel on Sunday evening, stopping on the way in London, where he will see Mr Callaghan. Edward Mortimer writes from Cairo: The Cairo conference has adjourned for the three days covering the Muslim, Jewish and Christian holy days.

The Egyptians would not have objected to working on Friday, and both Mr Alfred Atherton of the United States and General Sillasyuo of the United Nations would have been happy to work on Sunday had there

been work to be done.

But neither Israelis nor
Egyptians are in a hurry to
anticipate the results of Mr Begin's visit to Washington.
Moreover the delegates are
finding it easier to make progress in small, informal meetage than in the full sessions of the conference. Both sides have agreed to

take Security Council Resolution 242 as a basis, but each side has prepared its own working paper listing what it considers to be the essential elements of a just and lasting peace.

Three held in Holden murder case

Cairo, Dec 16.-Three young Arabs, a girl and two men, have been arrested in connexion with the murder of Mr David li-lden, Chief Foreign Correspondent of The Sunday Times, according to the newspaper Al-Ahram.

Police sources said political motives for the murder of Mr Holden, who was 53, had not been ruled our.

The names or nationalities of the three have not been given.

At Ahram said they were
trested in a flat at Manial, a Cairo district, at midnight last Mr Holden arrived here by

tir from Amman on the evening of December 6 and his body was found the next morning on the frince of the desert at Nasr City, a Cairo suburb. He had been shot at the back with a bullet which pierced the heart. Al-Ahram said Mr Holden's micase, his portable typewriter and his notebook had been found by a police patrol in a car without plates in a side street in Dokki, near here. His passport was still missing. The car was towed to Dokki police station and experts were called to take fingerprints and samples of bloodstains from it.

The police are looking for another car in connexion with the incident, Al-Ahram said. State security police had scru-tinized Mr Holden's papers and arrested a number of suspects. The newspaper did not say how many or whether they included the three Arabs.

Mr Holden's body, identified last Saturday, was flown to Britain yesterday.

Commenting on the Al-Ahram eport, an Interior Ministry reople taken into custody could or be described as suspects in the murder of Mr Holden. He aid the two men and the girl

were merely belping inquiries. The official said one of the women owned the car in which ir. Holden's belongings were ound. The owner had reported his car had been stolen before the Holden arrived in Cairo. The official said that until the iller or killers were found, all anires would be considered. molitical, robbery or otherwise. He declined to give details of the three people held by the police.—Rettler.

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84 men saved from ocean inferno as two tankers crash

A helicopter and rescue ships saved 84 crewmen when two 330,000-ton supertankers collided and caught fire 20 miles off the South African coast near Port Elizabeth. Both ships, still burning. remained affort drifting east three miles apart.
Anti-pollution vessels headed for the area after reports of a growing oil slick which threatens holiday resort beaches. With both ships valued at £15m, it could prove the costlicat maritime. disaster so far

New York aid plea

New York banks have asked Congress to support an extension of the federal Government's loan programme for the city, which is due to end next summer. Their chairmen told the Senate banking committee that New York will need aid for several years if it is to overcome its financial difficulties

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Mortgages 'blocked

Council planning rigidity often prevented mortgages being advanced to would-be home owners, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said at a London conference. If a council scheduled an area for redevelopment at some unspecified time that "blocked use of building society funds" Page 2

Mr van Agt's uphill task Mr van Agt's new Dutch Government, a coalition of most of his Christian Democrats with the Liberals, is assured of only 69 votes in the 150-seat Parliament. Since the coalition programme is vaguely defined, it will be up to ministers to offer broadly acceptable measures.

Case disturbs judge

After jailing a farmworker at Bodmin Crown Court, for life for the murder of his backward son, Mr Justice Willis said he was gravely disturbed by what he had heard about a lack of supervision for the boy, and called for a Government inquiry Page 3

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Blow for guerrillas in Mozambique

Much of the leadership of the guerrilla force belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front was eliminated in Rhodesia's big raid into Mozambique last month, Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rhodesian commander of combined operations, said. He made it plain that the Rhodesian forces would carry out further raids if necessary but emphasized that The local Rhodesia had no quarrel with the local Mozambican population Page 4

Nurse visited in jail

Foreign reporters were allowed to visit the women's prison in Bangkok where Miss Rita Nightingale, a British nurse, is serving her 20rear jail sentence for attempted drug smuggling. The reporters found the prison coagenial. Miss Nightingale was crying when she spoke to them about her appeal Page 4

Sponsorship warning

A report gives a warning that if f/m in sports sponsorship was suddenly removed, that could seriously affect many sports, especially the more expensive ones. It also says that as more companies study what they get for their money the arts could benefit

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Minister's future in doubt Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, faces an increasingly uncertain political future after a second blow followed Monday's espionage scandal. Criticism by the Constitutional Court over the number of conscientious objectors appeared to erode his position.

Handicapped boy wins: A mentally handicapped boy of 12 won the right to receive mobility allowance after a 15-month campaign by his parents 2 Firemen's benefits: The Department of Health and Social Security stood by a circular detailing restrictions on benefits for families of striking

£89 New York return: A travel agency is offering return air fares to New York for £89 starting next year Paris: President Giscard entered the French

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Cooperman by any other name

From Michael Leapperson New York, Dec 16 -

A judge in the New York state Supreme Court has; after three years of litigation, allowed the former Mrs Ellen Cooper-man to call herself Ellen Cooperperson. His ruling re-versed that of a lower conit last year when a judge called the proposed new name inane and proposed in In 1974 Mrs Cooperman (as

she then was), a film producer, divorced Mr Norman Cooperman and decided to alter surname on the grounds that the old one was sexist. She began legal moves, normally a formality, only to have the petition rejected last year.

In granting her new petition yesterday, Justice Leon Lazer said that she had a right in law to adopt a name of her own choosing, so long as it would not lead to fraud, evasion or to misleading others. There was no reason to think it would do any of those things. Mrs Cooperperson said that

last year's rejection of her petition provoked much sympathy from people who would not normally be regarded as keen supporters of women's liberation. Her 10-year-old son Brian would keep the name Cooperman, she added because he was male and thus not uncomfortable with it.

Mrs Bhutto hurt in

From Our Own Correspondent Lahore, Dec 16

Mr Bhotto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan and chairman of the People's Party, was detained in bospital here with a head wound inflicted by a policemen's stick when violence flared at the first Test metch between England and Pakistan. Three stitches were inserted in the wound. Mrs Bhutto was at the centre of the disturbance,

opponents.

England at the time had scored 85 for two wickets in reply to Pakistan's 407 for nine declared. The trouble raised doubts as to whether the tour could continue.

Third 'arson' attack on Eton college within a month

From Our Correspondent Windsor

Police were searching last night for someone who is believed to have caused more than £140,000 worth of fire damage at Eton College.

In the latest attack yesterday, the third within a month, class-rooms and an office were burnt out causing more than £40,000 worth of damage. The fire raiser avoided special fire security patrols.

"I am convinced this is arson", Mr Michael McCrum, the Head Master, said. "Over the past two years we have found signs of a number of altempts to start fires at the school Previously we have

tound piles of burnt sticks and remains of small fires near the seat of the blaze."

On November 4 last a £100.000 blaze destroyed historic Warre House. The house was closed at the time for renovation work. A week ogo a blaze in a ventilation shaft caused minor damage at Walpole House. Mr McCrum said: "I cannot think why anyone should want to start fires at the school." He discounted the possibility of boys at the school being responsible, pointing out that they went home for their Christmas holi-days earlier this week.

Thames Valley police said the latest blaze and the fire at Warre House were being treated as arson.

was Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State. When Mr Begin returned to

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Dec 16
President Carter and Mr
Begin had a two-hour meeting
in the White House this morning.
Various sources strongly suggest that the Isrueli Prime Minister has proposed that there should be a summit meet-ing between himself, President Sader and Mr. Carter shortly sides and Mr Carter shortly after Christmas to open sub-stantive negotiations.

Mr Sadat has hinted, on American television, that the idea has already been put to him, and it is singested that he will agree if the Israell peace plan shown to Mr Carter this morning seemed to him a basis for negotiations.

Test riot

Mrs Nusrat Bhutto, wife of

which caused play to be sus-pended for an hour. Police used tear gas to break up fighting between political

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Rigid council planning | Curb stands policy blocks home loans, Mr Shore says

inaction and rigidity in their use of funds was imminited by planning policies, which often building society attitudes prevented building societies Mr Shore peinted out that 1300m would probably represented building societies are societies to 1300m would probably represented to 1300m.

would-be home owners.
"If a local authority has scheduled an area for redevelonment at some unspecified date in the misty future, it has effectively blocked use of building society funds", he told a London conference on the housing policy review, organized by the Building Societies Associa-

ion.

If it will not come forward with clear plans for the envir-anmental improvement of a declining neighbourhood it will tilt further into decline"
"If it will not give an appliint for a building society mortunce an assurance of an im-rrovement grant, and if it insists on its right to reclaim the

mortgage applicants nominated by local authorities, but added that day to day running of the

Ey John Young
Planning Reporter
Mr Shore, Secretary of State
for the Environment, yesterday

with equal conviction that the demand was there, but that the criticized local authorities for demand was there, but that the inaction and rigidity in their use of funds was inhibited by

sent only about four per cent of rotal lending in 1978, But councils had complained of excessive caution and of a reluctance to lend on certain types of proporty share of next year's funds

would be allocated to any aurbority that requested it, instead of heing confined as this year to 200 named authorities, Mr Shree announced.

He also spake about alleged discrimination by building oscillation by building societies against certain inner city neighbourhoods. It had carlier been the subject of a demonstration by Shelter representatives, who gave delegates leaflets calling for an end to

red lining". Mr Shore suggested that what was described as red lining coincided with a relucin five rears, it will make it lining coincided with a reluction of difficult for a society to grant a mortgage."

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so-called support lending of me so-called support lending or beme was still far from sails fectory. In some areas "it does not seem to be going at all".

Some building society representatives ganuinely believed in favour of a closed shop and 1,368 against.

Former steelworks men iailed for corruption

on Our Correspondent

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If Esyr Lewis, QC, for the secution, alleged that Gordon wan, aged 59, former chief thousand engineer at the clivorks, had provided A. J. vard. Ltd. with confidential formation from inside the thousand which enabled Sewitten and the confidential to the confidential control of the clivorks which enabled Sewitten and the confidential to the confidential confidential control of the clivorks which enabled Sewitten and the confidential control of the clivorks which enabled Sewitten and the confidential control of the clivorks which enabled sewitten and the confidential control of the clivorks which enabled sewitten and the clivorks are clivered as the cliving and the cliving a is to undercut competitors.

Mr Brown, of Risca Road,

wport, admixted six charges

White, former sales director of

white, former sales director of Sewards, admitted six counts of offering corrupt gifts.

After a 31-day trial the jury returned guilty verdicts against Robert Alfred Price, aged 65. of Croesonen Park, Abergatruption case at Newport venny; Leslie Ernest Mills, adge Watkin Powell said it is "a classic case of industrial apploaage". aged 01. of Moor View, Willow-town, Ebbw Vale.

Mr Price was sent to prison for two years. He was found guilty of corruptly accepting 250 from Sewards.

Sewards.

Mr Mills was sent to prison for 12 months. He was found guilty of corruption involving three horidays in Madeira, Jersey and

days in madeira, Jersey and Bermuda.

Mr Genner, who was found gullry of corruptly accepting a fils holiday in Turquay, was fined f250. Mr Mills and Mr Price were corruptly accepting gifts each ordered to pay one sixth of the prosecution's hite, aged 68, of Cserphilly ond, Bassaleg, Newport, were on jailed for 18 months. Mr the prosecution costs.

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guidance.

This will not affect emergency

on aid to families of firemen

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The Department of Health and Social Security yesterday stood by a circular laying down restrictions on the payment of supplementary benefit to the families of striking firemen.

Mr Arthur Latham, Labour MP for City of Westminster, Paddington, had earlier called for withdrawal of the circular, believed to have been issued by the department's north London

regional office. He said the document, which makes it clear that hearing allowances should not be allowed in the assessment of dependants' requirements, appeared to discriminate against firemen and their fami-

that payments to cover standing order commitments that firemen have failed to modify from
the beginning of the strike
should be made only in "very
exceptional" circumstances,
and then at the rate of 50p a
day for each dependant. Normally, the circular says, the claimant should be referred in such cases to the union's hardship fund or advised to

seek a bank ovedraft.
An official at the department maintained yesterday that there was nothing in the circular that was outside normal guidelines. He denied that it arose from any special ministerial instruc-

Firemen's leaders are to meet Mr Orne, Minister for Social Security, on Tuesday to discuss the policy on payment of bene-

fits.
Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, yesterday continued talks with Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the employers' side of the National Joint Council for the Fire Service. The union is to meet the employers formally on Monday. which is due to increase to £10-next year, will now be back-dated to include the 15 months

Romanish influences 'pose severe threat to Protestant heritage'

Paisley party condemns 'The Sound of Music'

Taking a break from a vigor-

ous campaign against reform of Ulster's homosexuality laws, followers of the Rev Ian Paisley have rurned their collective wrath against the moral dangers inherent in the musical, The Sound of Music. The apparently insocuous story of a novice nun who be-

comes governess to an Austrian family was selected as this year's Christmas play at the predominantly Protestant high school in Kilkeel, a picturesque co Down fishing port.
Millions of admirers of Miss-Julie Andrews may not have re-

arded the choice as over-controversial. But according to the influential local branch of Mr. Paisley's Democratic Unionists, the third largest political party in Northern Ireland, it posed a severe threat to the Protestant

As a result of what the party describes as the "disgusted re-action" of many local Protes-

A mentally handicapped boy

aged 12 yesterday won his right

to receive mobility allowance when the National Insurance

Commissioner rejected a test

case appeal: against his claim

by the Department of Health

The decision marked the end

of a 15-mouth campaign by Mr and Mrs Ernest Edmunds of

Worcester, to prove that their son Robert, who suffers from Down's syndrome and will walk

only a few yards, was entitled to the allowance.

The weekly allowance of 57,

By Craig Seron

and Social Security.

right to allowance

issued a formal statement of protest and demanded an urgent meeting with the

Although the move may seem ludicrous to those unfamiliar with the religious prejudice that marks much of Ulster life. the project and the seriousness with which it has been presented go far to explain the province's continuing and apparently insoluble difficulties.

Without the slightest hint of tongue in cheek the statement declared: "We wish to protest in the strongest possible man-ner about the staging of The Sound of Music in Kilkeel High School. We see this as yer another inroad of the great

Last night Mr George McConnell, the parry's local publicity officer, said: "The Sound of Music is full of Romanish influences which

since the Edmunds's first appli-cation. The department appealed

against the original award to the boy on the basis that he could walk but refused to do so because of his low mental

Mr and Mrs Edmunds were

nuns and they also have to bless themselves publicly in the way that the Romans do."

Mr McConnell, a local drill- writes). ing contractor, was quite unrepentent about a protest which would be inconceivable outside the six counties of Northern Ireland Local Protestant anger, he explained, had grown be cause of previous incidents at the school. He said one involved the use of the New English Bible

and resulted in a petition of protest from local parents. Another surrounded the teach-ing of a version of the Battle of the Boyne (1690) in which King William III was shown as a tyrant.

Such, as many British politi-cians have discovered to their cost, are the kind of issues that still really count in many parts of Northern Ireland. Neave complaint: Mr Airey Neave, Opposition spokesman

candles are lit on the stage, on Northern Ireland, yesterday some of the children have to protested to the BBC about the appear in the garb of Catholic Tonight programme on television on Thursday, which included interviews with IRA leaders (our Political Reporter

In a letter to Mr lan Trethowan, director general of the BBC, Mr Neave said that it was time the House of Commons had an opportunity to study the that MPs could form a judg-ment on BBC policy in Ulster. The extraordinary state-

ment by the producer, Mr Sean Hardie, that it was essentially an 'explanatory piece' demon-strates an air of total irresponsibility for the consequences to the people of Northern Ire-land, Mr Neave wrote. He added: "The terrorists

are using your corporation for their own propagands. It is a matter of great regret to me personally that you should have ched a decision which will inevitably give new encourage-

Handicapped boy wins More writs threatened against Labour groups

By Our Political Reporter ircrease their litigation by issuing writs for alleged breaches of rules in six more. Labour constituency parties.

Their threat has disturbed

Mr and Mrs Edmunds were supported in their campaign by Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester. He was concerned that many similarly handicapped children might be denied the mobility allowance. The rules for entitlement state that an applicant should be unable or virtually unable to walk through physical disability. Mr Morris, the minister with responsibility for the Disabled, said in the Commons last week that he hoped the appeal would succeed. the national executive com-mittee. It has decided in inquire into their activities, which have already cost the party \$20,000. The graduates Mr Paul McCormick and Mr Julian Lewis, started their cam-paign in Newham, North East,

Two Oxford graduates who have become a thorn in the flesh of the Labour Party yes terday anounced that they may will be looked upon as so much political puppetry and our legal system brought into disrepute if this business continues."

His statement also disclosed that the party has not yet found a way of dealing with Mr Lewis and Mr McCormick He said: "Paced with this situation, we can either ignore the issuing of writs, fail to turn up in court, and let the matter take its natural course, or we can consult the best legal the seat of Mr. Reg Prentice. opinion in the country to see
Mr. Norman Atkinson, MP what initiatives can be taken,
for Haringey, Tottenham, and and this we are now doing."

New appeal procedure in Scottish cases urged

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From Ronald Faux

·Changes in the procedure in Scotland for appeals against conviction and sentence are recommended in a report by the Thomson committee published vesterday.

chairmanship of Lord Thomson, the High Court judge, proposed a two-stage procedure designed to give convicted criminals a better opportunity to prepare

As a first stage the appellant would merely indicate his detailed grounds would be prepared separately.

At present the appellant had to state his grounds at an early stage when it was uncertain whether legal aid would be available. That had led to appeals being drafted invariably without professional

assistance.

The committee proposed that after giving notice of appeal the appellant would receive a transcript of the judge's charge to the jury. He would then prepare the detailed grounds.
Those would be handed to the trial judge before he prepared his report on the case to the Court of Appeal. The docu-ments would be available to the Crown and also to the Supreme Court Committee to help them to decide on legal

On stated case procedure, the committee recommended that where adjustments were proposed by either party to the stated case prepared by a sheriff or district court judge, a com-pulsory hearing should be held. If he rejected any adjustment, the judge who pre-pared the stated case would have to give his reasons.

The committee also propose that any person sent by the courts to a hospital or insti-tution for treatment should be entitled to appeal

Museum contamination after radiation tests

Irradiation of dust from pieces of pottery at the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, to establish the age of pottery has led to medical examination of the staff and the suspension of the museum's research laboratory

The samples were sent to various reactors in the United Kingdom for irradiation and then returned to the museum. The radiation was discovered about 11 days ago.

Saying
'Happy Christmas'
to friends and relatives

abroad

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If the line's engaged, leave it a little while before trying again. And be prepared to

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international telegrams to all

wait up to a minute for the call to connect-IDD calls have to travel great distances.

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there will be no operator assistance available on Christmas Day for calls that can

only £5.71 (this includes VAT) and calls to most countries cost less and have a Cheap Rate.

So please spread your calls over the whole holiday period to avoid congestion. To make this easier we are extending the Cheap Rate, where applicable, to cover Boxing Day

Mr Robert Stevenson, direc-Mr Robert Stevenson, director of the museum, confirmed yesterday that Dr Hugh McKerrill, director of its research laboratory, had been suspended from dusy.

Mr Stevenson said that the irradiated dust "seems to have mildly contaminated carpets and things, but I understand the contamination is pretty low, a multiple of a luminate watch. a multiple of a luminous watch, or something of that kind. But it is a matter that we could not deal with."

through the Christmas rush Continued from page 1-

It is certainly among the best buys for price. The 80p from Piccadilly Circus compares with £1 each for the British Red coach link from Waterloo to Heathrow via Feltham and the Heathrow-Victoria airport bus, and £5.65 for a taxi from the airport to Piccadilly Circus.

Quicker by taxi

The trouble starts with speed however, A text clocked up 36 minutes to Piccadilly yesterday, despite the pro-Christmas rush hours, and the Railair link took 39 minutes. Lagging behind was the air-port bus, caught up in an Earls Court traffic jam and register-On an admittedly personal judgment, the Tube link also ranked the lowest of the four in comfort, with inadequate

space for luggage and a good chance of being obliged to stand for much of the journey. It was also lowest in terms of On round-the-clock avail-ability, the Heathrow extension picked up a little, toupperforming Railoir but falling behind airport buses and taxis, both of which provide for awkward flights in the early hours.

A final points tally on subjective, but straightforward, ranking system shows airport buses and taxis sharing the lead with 15 points, followed by Railair with 12 points and the Underground amassing only 10 points.

Moon sect sues The Times over articles

Arising from the three-articles published earlier this week on the Unification Church and its teaching, Mr Dennis F. Orme has issued a writ claim-ing damages for libel against Times Newspapers Ltd, the editor of The Times, and Diana-Part suther of the articles editor of The Times, and Diana-Pan, author of the articles.

Mr Orme, leader of the Unification Church in Britain and director of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, attempted to obtain a High Court injunction on Tuesday to prevent publication of the third article, which described the Moon sect's teaching.

His counsel decided not to proceed with the application for

proceed with the application for the injunction when he was informed that Times News-papers had every intention of fully justifying those state-ments about which Mr Orme

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Dockland houses contract

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets has awarded a E3.75m contract to John Laing Construction to build new housing for nearly 600 people near

the former Eastern docks at Wapping.
It will be the first large building project in the redevelopment of the London docks, which will eventually house 5,000 people.

Boy's body found The body of Mark Williams, aged four who had been missing for a week from his home at Newtown, Powys, was found yesterday in the Severn near his home.

Sentences cut in Chinese heroin case

A former public schoolgirl and her lover, each jalled for 14 years by a judge at the Central Criminal Court for trafficking in Chinese hetoin, had their sentences cut to 12 years by the Court of Appeal yesterday.
Lord Justice Waller, sitting

Lord Justice Walter, sitting with Mr Justice Talbor, and Mr Justice Mars-Jones, said Sing Mooi ("May.") Wong, aged 31, a Malaysian heiress, and ber lover, Li Jasfar Mah, ared 29, both of St. Mary's, Avenue, Finchley, London, deserved subsamtial sentences. But those imposed by Judge Argyle, QC, on January 11 this year for their conspiracy to supply heroin through Soho did not fully reflect their pleas of guilty and reflect their pleas of guilty and their great assistance to the

Molly Yeow, aged 34, of Mont-pelier Grove, Kentiek Town, had her 10-year sentence for conspiracy cut to eight years. Richard Blanchard, aged 24, born in Australia, of Broadway, Yaxley, Peterborough, jailed for five and a half years for supplying heroin, possessing the drug with intent to supply it, and breach of a suspended sentence order, had his sentence cut to

bis sentence. Cut to three and a half years.

Singh Lap Lat, aged 40, of Oueensgare, Earls Court, London, jailed for nine years for the conspiracy, supplying heroin and possession of the drug with intent to supply, had his sentence cut to four years.

Chui Chi Seng, aged 55, of Bassein Park Road, Shepherd's Bush: Benito Ritchie, aged 39.

of Fentiman Road, South Lambeth; and Poh Buat Lee. uged 27. of Westmoreland Road, Walworth, all London, each jeiled for seven years, had their The couple's " Chief of Staff "; sentences cur to six years.

Voon Hin Lim, aged 25, a student, of Milman Road.

Kilburn, London, failed for faur years for possession of the drug with intent to supply, was refused leave to appeal against

Marxism in universities motion rejected

Supplement
Edinburgh
University teachers last night

University teachers last night rejected a motion deploring a controversial report on Marxist infiltration of higher education. The Association of University Teachers' council, meeting at Beriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, rejected a resolution that deploted a report by Professor Inlius Gould of Nottingham Uni-

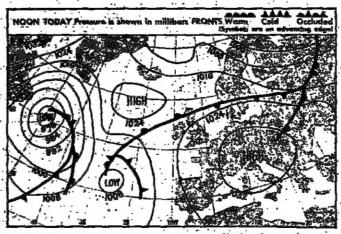
versity, for naming many academic radicals and for implying that Maraist viewpours in higher education were not

legitimate. Instead, the council accepted an amendment affirming the right of teachers of different intellectual and political persua-sions to teach in universities and saying that appointments should be made on academic

the council accepted the resolution, which had the backing of the association's executive, it would be claiming the right to pass judgment on the context and style of its members' writings.

Professor Elikehard Kopp, of Hull University, said that report gave the impression that it was illegitimate for individuals of radical or Marxist views to hold criteria. Professor Gould said that if university posts.

Weather forecast and recordings



High water: London Bridge, 6.19 am, 5.7m (21.5ft); 6.57 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft); 6.57 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Avonnouth, 12.13 pm, 11.6m (38.0ft). Dover, 3.37 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 4.2f pm, 5.9m (19.2ft). Bull, 11.11 am, 6.5m (21.5ft); 11.15 pm, 6.5m (21.6ft). Liverpool, 4.0 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 4.2f pm, 8.4m (27.6ft).

Pressure will remain high over the British Likes but a trough of low pressure will move alongly Sover N British.

Porecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England: Mainly dry, bright or sunny intervals developing; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46° B).

East Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, peritaps some showers later.

dry, perhaps some showers later, rather clouds but brighter spells; wind SE to S, light or moderate; may temp 7" to 8"C (45" to 46"F).
Central S and SW England, Chemnel Islands, S' Wales. Stattered showery outbreaks later, samy intervals after early fog

lagring up: 4.42 pm to 7.53 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.12
am, 5.4m (21.0t); 7.45 pm, 6.4m
(21.0t). Avonmouth, 12.37 am,
11.0m (36.2t); 1.13 pm, 11.1m
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(19.6t); 5.28 pm, 5.7m (18.6t).
Hull, 12.12 pm, 6.2m (20.2tt).
Liverpool, 5.2 am 7.8m (25.6tt);
5.25 pm, 6.0m (26.5tt); patches; wind S, moderate; max remy 8°C (46°F). E and Central N England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy; wind S, moderate; max temp 7°C.

3.52 pm

Tomorrow

(45°F).

N Wates, NW and NE England,
Lake District, 1she of Man: Octasional rain, especially later, mostlycloudy; wind S to SW, moderate;
max temp 7°C (45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh; and Dunder, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N
Ireland: Occasional rain, especially later, mostly cloudy; wind
SW, light of moderate; max temp
8° to 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Aberdeen, Ceintral Highlands,
Morsy Firth, NE and NW Scotland. Morey Firth, NE and NW Scotland

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;



patchy night for and most, and near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea.
Strait of Dover, English Channel.
(E): Wind SE, mainly moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea.
Wind S, light or moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm. 9°C (48°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 7°C (45°F): Humidity. 6 pm. 76 per cent. Ra'n, 24 rr to 6 pm. a trace. Sus. 24 rr to 6 pm. al. race. Sus. 24 rr to 6 pm. al. Bar, mean sea level. 6 pm. 1.030:2 utilibere, falling. 1.000 millibars = 29.33 in.

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Government inquiry called for by judge after man is sentenced for murdering backward young son

son, Stephen, aged 19, Mr Justice Willis at Bodmin Crown Cornwall, yesterday Court, Cornwall, yesterday called for a government in-quiry into the case.

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He said be was gravely dis-turtied by what he had heard about the lack of supervision for the young man, and added:
"I propose to communicate" with the responsible govern-ment department in this case, It wants inquiring into." He spoke after Mr Men-beniott, aged 53, of Holy Vale, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, was found guilty of murdering his

The jury of 10 men and two women took almost four hours to reach their verdict, which

was by a majority. The jury were discharged from returning verdicts on four from returning verdicts on four counts of causing grievous bodily harm, but Mr Menheulott was jailed for five years, to run concurrently, for intending to prevent an inquest being held by burying his son's body in a field near his home. The court was told that the had spent some years in authority homes and

After Mr Menheniott had left the dock the judge said:
There is a large question mark which has overhung this case for a long time, which I think must have been and still is, exercising the minds of many members of the public and is

exercising mine.

And that is how it came about that with the single honourable exception of Mr Fairest (the island's dentist), who was obviously exceedingly workled about the condition from which this boy was suffering in the late autumn of 1975. that community in three years seems to have done nothing to belo that boy, who was obviously in fear of his father."

The boy must, from time to time, have been showing signs of painful injuries of one type or another. He thought it would have been obvious to anyone living in St Mary's that the boy

was being ill-treated.

"That is a matter which affects the members of that small community", the judge continued, "but that is enother

After jailing Thomas Men-matter. If ever there was a island in September, 1972, heriott, a farmworker, for life problem family, it was the Men-for the murder of his backward hemiotts. They have been known way of visiting or monitoring for years to one local authority of this boy's progress in a street another, and the problems home by any of the three authorities, one of whom might

The boy returned to the island at the end of 1972 from the care of the East Sussex. County Council, the judge said.
"And I should be failing in my duty if I did not express my own concern about what

happened."
"I want to know what steps "I want to know what steps were taken either by East Sussex County Council or by the Cornwall County Council or by the Cornwall County Council or by the Cornwall County Council or both, to see how that boy fared in his new habitat."

Mr David Owen-Thomas, QC, for the Crown, said he understood that when East Sussex suggested that the boy should go home to live, Cornwall Council social services for East Sussex County Council, said: It is a matter of deep regret that the mooths following Stephen's discharge to his father's care in 1972 we did not visit him to separtment said that he should not, and refused to accept responsibility "that was being thrust towards them."

Mr David Davies, counsel for

Mr David Davies, counsel for East Sussex County Council, said the time came when the boy was 15, when he was due to leave school and the county council found themselves in a

council found themselves in a dilemma about what course to take with him.

"They were mable to find work for him, and were mable to find a home. Under these circumstances, and also because he wanted to go back, they sent him back."

At that time he was still officially in the council's care. Throughout what the judge described as the "terrible three years" between 1972 and 1975, the council was exercising

1975, the council was exercising parental responsibility. Mr Davies accepted that there was not supervision when there should have been. Mr Davies said that three

authorities were involved. East Sussex. Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly, which was a county before the 1972 local government reorganization. The Isles of Scilly had said they would do what they could under very difficult circumstances to cope and would tell East Sussex. Commy Council of any diffi-County Council of any diffi-culties. But the isles relied in practice on Cornwall for social work advice. Parental responsiremained with East procedures, the council said that situation existing in 1972

The judge noted that from is highly unlikely to happen the day the boy set foot on the today."

World's top circus artists show their paces

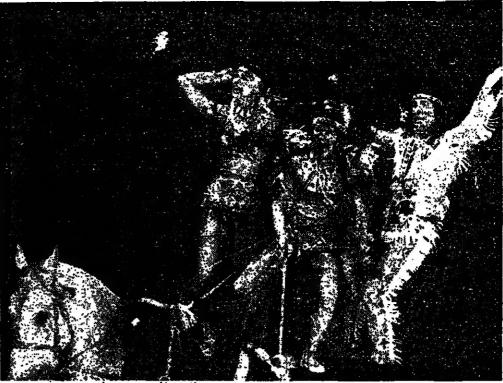
By Alan Hamilton Sergeant Major Philip Astley, late of the 15th Dragoous, knew a thing or two about show busiway of visiting or monitoring of this boy's progress in his ness. In 1768 he roped off a ring in a field near what is now have been expected to assume Waterloo station, London, per formed a few tricks of borse-manship, and invented the modern circus, even laying down its standard ring diameter The judge suggested that the Cornwall County Council had completely washed their hands of the boy as a super-

Nothing basic has changed for the 1977 Circus World Championships, except that they have travelled five stops down the Northern Line to Clapham Common. There this week a select company of the world's leading horseman, rightrope walkers, trapeze artists, jugglers and strong men have been excellent in dare-devily before a panel of seasoned judges. 1972 we did not visit him to satisfy ourselves that he was making satisfactory progress. It is perhaps even more regretful that those who gave evidence at the trial that they know he was being illtreated took no steps to bring the ill treatment to an end either by direct intervention or by notifying someone in authority of what they knew.

While making no excuses for our part in this sad story, it emphasizes yet again that the well-heing is as much a matter for the whole community as it is of the local

Acts are judged on content and presentation, performers being required to demonstrate beaus required to bemoistrate that they are able to accomplish advanced and heart-stopping feats, but not with such ease or nonchalance that their danger or difficulty is hidden.

Manfred Doval, last year's world champion on the high wire had a few shaky moments this week 60 feet above the ring, and Ivan Karl, the diminutive British contender for the strong man title, was knocked right off his perch by two men-with sledgenammers pounding a Some unlikely records are



The Mohawk trick riders competing in a championship qualifying round.

held by this year's contenders. Greg Friel, of the Rocksmith Fliers trapeze troupe, last year became the first man to throw

a three-and-a-half somersault in England.

The Flying Ganeas are one of the few trapeze troupes to have turned four somersaults between leaving one bar and baing caught on another Terror being caught on another. Terry Lemus, of the Flying Terrells, gained an entry in the Guinness Book of Records after she had completed 1,000 triple somer-saults in mid-air.

The record for the oldest performer taking part is held by Karl Wallenda, aged 72, who has seen five of his family killed in the circus ring. He has returned from America with new high-wire act employing his grandchildren.

Sergeant Major Astley's invention is still in a surprisingly healthy state in Britain, in spite of the huge economic difficulties of taking a circus on tour. Mr Jimmy Chipperfield, chairman of this year's judges, said

touring now than at any time in the past 20 years. In London last month there were at one stage seven different circuses

stage seven different circuses giving performances.

The Big Top on Clapham Common, said to be the largest in Europe, has been attracting good crowds all week, but nevertheless the prime purpose in staging the championships, which were suggested by a telegistic sports producer appears vision sports producer, appears to be to fill a slot on independ-

Travel firm offer £89 air return to New York

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Return flights from London to New York for £89 are to be sold next year by Airplan, a division of the south London company, Letchford Tours and

The fares will be available so flights leaving London on dates in April, May, June, Septem-ber and October, with return flights on dates in February and March, 1979.

Mr George Clay, managing director of Airplan, said that the fare and one for £150 return to Los Angeles would suit retired people who wished to visit their families in North America.

From next year they could spend between five and 12 months with relatives for no more than the cost of an eightday holiday in Majorca.
Airplan customers will travel
on Laker Airways' wide-bodied
DC10 airliners or Eoeing 707s. Laker Air Travel recently an-nounced similar fares to New

York and Los Angeles for

travellers prepared to stay at their destinations for long periods. Jetsave, claiming to be the leading British travel operator across the North Atlantic, has also announced a return " pack-age" deal from London to New York for £179, including six nights' hotel accommodation.

Ordnance Survey maps to cost more

The Ordance Survey has announced the first changes in the price of its products for two years; to take effect today. There are increases of up to 30 per cent for most small-scale maps, but some prices are

East Sussex seemed bleak." He pressed strongly to go home and his family were keen to have him back. He visited his home in 1971 and again in 1972. The statement added: When he died, Stephen was legally an adult and the county council's parental responsibilities, had expired on his eighteenth birthday, June 4, 1975.

The county council is, however, satisfied that the proper procedures were followed in reaching the decision to allow Stephen to remain in the Scilly Isles after the long holiday visif (in 1972). Following his return in 1972 the social services department did not apply its mind positively to the question of whether parental rights remained with the county council, Price changes for large-scale maps and services for profes-sional users have been linked

restructured to reflect more closely the costs of different forms of information and to remove anomalies. As a result, some prices in that range of products are down.

The most popular type of small-scale map, the 1:50,000 series, goes up by 22 per cent, from £1.15 to £1.40 for the from £1.15 to £1.40 for the folded version. Present stocks will be sold at the old prices. Charges for copyright licences will be increased by 30 per cent

at the dates from which the licences run, starting in January. There will be a 15 per cent increase in the basic royalty rate for publishers, also starting in January.

The changes have been made siter Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, stated earlier this year that the Ordance Survey should gradually increase the proportion of costs recovered through prices and charges.

Lord Byers 'fully supports' Mr Steel over the pact

By Our Political Editor

Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal peers, yesterday ex-pressed his full support for Mr David Sceel, the party leader, in his pursuit of the parliamentary pact with the Government. occasions in the past few days

being non-committal at a Liberal peers' meeting, it must be assumed that he was opposed tinuing the pact.

Lord Byers asserted that he made it clear on a number of He denied a report in The that he fully supported Mr

By Our Education

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focus too; they must face up to the very real financial and other practical difficulties ministers have to deal with."

He said in Oxford that more than 30,000 staff were used in administering the scheme.

"Ministers have got to get away from the idea that they and their civil servants already have all the facts and onlineous."

Not better off: Allegations that many people were better off receiving social security benefits than in work were "grossly misleading", Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, told the many people were better off re-ceiving social security benefits than in work were "grossly misleading", Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, told the Scottish TUC in Glasgow yes-

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Mr Neil McLellan director of Social Services for Cornwall,

community as it is of the local

authority.

A statement by the county council said: "When he left school, aged 15, in 1972, Stephen's future prospects in East Sussex seemed bleak." He

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that they are an encouragement to stay out of work."

Only a man on very low earnlose little on benefit. That was because the amount of benefit provided for the children might bring the entitlement up to, or mear, what he could earn in work, but the income on benefit was not by any standards over-generous.

Minister calls for simpler benefits scheme supplementary benefit decisions, and that anyone who "No one seriously attacks the is too complicated for disagrees is either ill informed level of benefits for pensioners, illumints to understand or malicious", he said. "No one seriously attacks the level of benefits for pensioners, except perhaps to say they are too low" Mr Orme said.

system is too complete to the safety of staff in administer, Mr "But if open government is too low", Mr Orme said.

Ennals, Secretary of State for work, those at the other end of Social Services, said yesterday, the telescope must adjust their fits for the unemployed, saying He called for the scheme to be focus too; they must face up to that they are an encouragement. simplified, the appeals system to be improved, and people to be given clearer explanations of

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awards for students

Councils cut discretionary

at 49,000 over the two-year period. If, however, they had been increased to keep pace with the growth of the 18-19 years group, 5,000 more awards would have been given this year. Two thousand fewer awards were made this year. Total expenditure for full value discretionary awards in Local authorities have been utting back on discretionary awards for students in further education, the provisional results of a government survey

thousand more full value discretionary awards in the present academic year is value discretionary awards would have been made this year if the proportion of students receiving them had been main-tained at the same level as two estimated at £58m, compared with £37m in 1975-76. Spending receiving them had been mainained at the same level as two
pears ago.

M. Oakes, Minister of State
or Education and Science, is
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with £37m in 1975-76. Spending
this year on mandatory awards,
directly by central government,
is expected to total £426m.
Mrs Williams, Secretary of
State for Education and Science,
has said that the Government
would seek powers in an education Bill to permit the Secretion Bill to permit the Secretory graphs to courses that at and Coakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, is understood to be "shocked and appalled" by the results of the survey of discretionary awards made by local education authorities in England and Wales between 1975-76 and 1977-78.

The survey showed that the

tory grams to courses that at present attract only awards at the discretion of the local

The survey showed that the number of full value discretionary awards remained constant Body needed for Streamlining for manpower

about tribunals services agencies Absence of adequate means of handling complaints of injustice by tribunals is worrying The Manpower Services Commission is to be streamlined. From next April 1 the commisthe Council on Tribunals, which supervises and monitors the sion's operations will be transferred to a single manpower services organization, Mr Booth, way they are run. The council's annual report Secretary of State for Employ ment, announced yesterday

said yesterday that it lacked statumry authority to conduct effective negotiations. The Lord The commission's two executive arms, the Employment Ser-Chancellor held out no great hope of a satisfactory solution vice Agency and the Training Services Agency, will disappear but would think again if combut the services concerned will plaints increased be provided by separate divi-sions of the commission. A third The Annual Report of the Coundivision will be responsible for special programmes for the un-employed. cll on Tribunals. House of Commons Paper 108 (S-ationery Office, 85p).

Compassion led son to kill mother aged 88

The compassion of Alfred Halligan, aged 57, for his aged and suffering mother drove him to take her life, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. After witnessing her deterorating health and increasing pain and misery, he forced a pair of scissors into her temple.

Mr Halligan, of Heversha Mr Halligan, of Heversham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, was placed on probation for two years after pleading not guilty to murder but guilty to the manslaughter of his mother, Mary Halligan, aged 88, on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Tory returned in GLC by-election

Hayes and Harlington returned a Conservative to the
Greater London Council in a byelection on Thursday. The
majority was 87 in a 23.8 per
cent poll. The GLC constituency
is the same as the parliamentary
constituency, which returned a
Labour MP, Mr Neville Sandelson, at the last general election.
Voting on Thursday was;
Mr Arthur Hull (C), 6.142; Mr Peter
Russol (Lab., 6.055; Mr Pater Marsh
(Nat Front), 585; Mr Alan Rowland
(L), 522;
Gentlem: Mr N. D. Sandelson
(C), 522;
Gentlem: Mr N. D. Sandelson
(C), 523;
Gentlem: Mr N. D. Sandelson
(C), 524;
Mr N. Balloner (C), 524;
Mr N. Balloner (C), 525;
Mr Malan (C), 526;
Mr M. Balloner (C), 526;
Mr M. (1), 522. (Seneral Maction: Mr N. D. Sandelson (Lab), 20,391; Mr N. Baifonr (C), (0,871; Mr C. Lyon (I), 6,536; Mi I. S. Pairhurst (Not Front), 1,189, Lab majority, 9,420.

Island railway

Approval in principle of a plan for the revival of the rail way on Alderney, the only sur-viving standard gauge railway in the Channel Islands, was given at a meeting of the States of Alderney yesterday.

'Northern Echo' back after dispute

complaints.

The Northern Echo, published at Darlington again yesterday after 116 issues had been lost because of the dis-pute over a journalists' closed shop, contained a leading article saying that most news-papers saw danger in allowing a single organization to "gov-ern all editorial staff".

The newspaper, claimed to be the biggest selling provincial daily in England and the night.
Wales, was produced by four The issue also contained a offer made to the NUJ executives and a district report a column long on the members earlier this week reporter, a member of the attempts the management says that it cannot improve on a final offer made to the NUJ members earlier this week attempts the management said (which was rejected) without the transcreening the Covernment's Institute of Journalists. The 106 journalists employed by

are members for the National Union of Journalists remain

worked as "telephone will resume publication next reporters" during the day on Thursday and switched to their production functions during the night.

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(which was rejected) without transgressing the Government's had been made to resolve the

North of England Newspapers - The Northern Echo and the (Westminster Press Ltd) who Evening Despatch, which circu-Evening Despatch, which circulates over a smaller area, have Union of Journalists remain on strike.

Issue no. 33,402 of a publication founded in 1870 comprised 20 pages and included 14 regional news reports supplied either by agencies or by the editorial executives who worked as "telephone reporters" during the day on week, also with skeleton staffs.

pay policy guidelines.



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The Hyde Park, London



Mr van Agt : taking over on Monday.

Dutch Cabinet

The right-of-centre Dutch

Government that is to be sworn in on Monday by Queen Juliana will have two Cabinet members who also served in the outgoing left-of-centre government of Mr Joop den Uyl, the new Opposition leader.

They are Mr Andries van Agt,

the Prime Minr-designate, who was Minister of Justice, and Mr

Was Minister of Justice, and Mar-Althous van der Stee, also a Christian Democrat, who re-tains the Ministry of Agricul-ture and Fisheries. In all there are 10 Christian Democrats in the Cabinet.

The youngest member of the

van Agt government is also the second highest ranking member. He is Mr Haos Wiegel, leader of the Liberal parliamentary group, who is to be Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. He is 36.

The important portfolio of finance goes to Mr Frans Andriessen, a Christian Democrat,

who was judged too conserva-tive by the Socialists to hold-this post. It was over his can-didature that talks finally broke

down between the Socialists and the Christian Democrats.

Mr Christoph van der Klaauw, a Liberal, will be Foreign Minister. He is a pro-fessional diplomat with no political experience.

chief demanded

Police are said to have taken about 200 people into custody, many of whom had nothing to do with the demonstration. One

Rome, Dec 16

None of the six Liberals in the new Cabinet has any pre-

Dismissal of Rome police

Amsterdam, Dec 16

Two old faces in new

ious experience of ministerial

functions.

The new Minister of Social Affairs, Mr Willem Aldeda, a Christian Democrat, is in the odd position that he will have to defeod next Thursday a Bill introduced in Parliament by his produced on Mr. Lean Reasons.

predecessor Mr Jaap Boersma, which is opposed by the

Liberals.

Mr Boersma, who refused a post in the Cabinet, will join the seven left-wing Christian Democrat dissidents in Parliament. This means the van Agr Government will be certain of only 69 votes in the 150-seat House.

Thet Government's policies should be clarified when it mates its intentions before Par-

liament early in January. The pact on which the coalition is based is vague and will have to be filled in to a large extent by the ministers themselves.

The full Cabinet list is as follows:

for and Beputy Prime Minister: Wiceal, 76. ger: Christoph van-de Klasuw, 63. nos: Roelof Kruisings, 55. Il Affairs: Villem Abeds, 52. 461: France Audiesecm, 48. omic Affairs: Gillsbert van Ardonne.

The sudden removal of sports sponsorship by the tobacco companies, estimated at £7m a year, could have serious implications for many sports and would create particular difficulties for

the most expensive events. That warning is given in an Economist Iruelligence Unit report on sponsorship. It mentions concern that sponsorship may increase professionalism, harming sport for leisure or

It predicts that as more companies study what they get for their money, the arts are likely to be a growing area, particularly with companies that seek a less extravagant afternative to

sports.

The growth of sponsorship, it says, "is likely to be leaner than in the halcyon days of the 1960s. Of the epast five years, have seen sponsorship three have seen sponsorship struggling under economic pressures, yet expenditure has grown to some £30m.".

That total could grow to some

£45m over the next five years, the reporot says, adding "If the activities of Mr Packer should cause cricket sponsorship on this side of the globe to take on a new vitality, that figure might prove an underestimate, while if the tobacco companies' money were to be withdrawn abruptly, or the banking and insurance sector were to be nationalized. James's I a downward adjustment in the INT, £25).

this year was at least £1m and growing more quickly than in

ing for between a quarter and a third of known sponsorship expenditure, had discovered that spending money on sport had brought them almost as blame as praise; Rothmans, for example, was winding down nearly all activities in that

Others had found that while they tended to be berated for they tended to be berated for reaching nine or ren million supporters through television coverage of their sponsored sporting events, there was no similar criticism when 801,000 people, including many children, travelled to the Pompeii exhibition, which Imperial Tobacco's sponsorship had made possible.

If the tobacco commanies withdrew others were able or willing to sponsor sport on the

willing to sponsor sport on the same scale. The report says that in present economic cir-cumstances the Government would be unlikely to make good any significant part of the estimated 17m s year that came from the tobacco com-

Sponsorship, EUI Special Report No 41 (Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd. Spencer House, 27 St.

Lead shot poisoning mute swans

By a Staff Reporter

Lead poisoning in swans on some of Britain's most heavily fished waters has been attributed to lead weights discarded by careless angiers. Mr Alan Hunt, of the veterinary investigation centre at Journal or ough cation centre at Loughborough, Leicestershire, savs that investiup to last August showed that 107 died from lead poisoning after they had swallowed lead shot used to weight lines.

shot used to weight lines.

Mr Hunt, writing in the bulletin of the British Trust for Ornithology, states that the condition has been reported most often from heavily fished stretches of the Nortinghamshire Trent and the Warwickshire Avon. Cases had also occurred on the river Soar in Leicester, the rivers Slea and Witham in Lincolashire, on many lakes and gravel pits throughout the Midlands and or a fishing lake in Essex.

The bulletin says that while

The bulletin says that while mute swans can suffer from spectacular pollution from oil spills, pollution through lead poisoning "is far more insidi-ous, for longer lasting and even more unpleasant ".

PCs cleared of

beating prisoner Two policemen, Gary Buder and John Murby, were acquitted at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday of beating up a newly arrested prisoner.

The officers denied using any violence. PC Butler, aged 25. of Oakfield Road, Hucknall, Nortingham, and PC Murby, aged 34. of Ingram Road, Bulwell, Nortingham, had both pleaded not guilty to assault causing bodily harm.

14 pc bus fares rise

The Trent Bus Company, which operates throughout the East Midlands, has been given permission to out up faces by 14 per cent. Some passengers will have to pay an extra 30p a trip. Trent is still likely to make a £1m loss next year

In brief

Wife cleared of manslaughter

Elsa Bowden, a battered housewife pushed a knife into her husband's stomach as he was about to smash a broom over her head, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court

Mrs Bowden, aged 46, of Stanford Road, West Kensing-ton, London, was acquitted of the manslaughter of her hus-band, Alexander Bowden, aged 53.

£76,260 for supporter Mr Ian Hosie, aged 43, of Arbroath, Tayside, a football supporter who was swept from his feet and trampled by other supporter at a match, was awarded £75,260 at the Court of Session in Edinburgh vesterday against Arbroath Football Club.

Bus pay rise agreed

Municipal busmen have overwhelmingly accepted pay rises next month of 10 per cent, giving basic rates ranging from 533.66 a week for conductors to \$42.98 for one-man, double-lieck bus operators. The Department of Employment must approve

Better trains

A refurbishing programme on electric trains used on British Rail's main-line services in Kent and on boat trains to Dover and Folkestone will begin in August next year. New seating and improved heating and lighting will be installed.

Decree granted

A decree of divorce on the ground of adultery was granted in the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday to Lady Burton, of Tranent, Lothian, against Lord Burton, of Dochfour, Highland. Hospital to reopen

Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, where three babies in a special care unit died recently of a virus infection, is to reopen for new admissions on Monday.

Six-day speaking analysis

of Scotland Bill debate By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

An analysis of MPs' partici-pation in the first six days of the committee stage of the Scot-land Bill has been compiled by research assistants on behalf of Mr Maurice Macmillan, Conser-vative MP for Fambers Mr Maurice Macminan, Conservative MP for Farnham.

Mr Macmillan said that the number of Labour backbenchers attending the debates had been "derisory", indicating their true dislike of the measure. More than a chief measure. More than a third of the contributions from the Labour benche, had come from committed anti-devolutionists, with Mr Tam Dalyelt, Labour MP for West Lothian, the most prolific contributor, with 23 speeches and 69 interventions.

Yet Conservative support for the debutes, with only 38 MPs taking part, can scarcely be des-cribed as enthusiastic. The somewhat better attendance on the Tory side can be accounted for largely by the fact that

most of the amendments being debated came from opposition The only party to have given

its all with a total spe_king con-tribution was the Scottish National Party. The following numbers of speeches (with simple interven-

tion; in parenthesis) exclude puints of order: C. 117 (171): Lab, 79 (144); L. 10 (29); SNP, 13 (35); Scot Lab, 4 (10); and UU 8 (9). Those party contributions represented as percentages of the rotal

the total committee stage debate were: debate were: C. 50.7; Lab. 34.2; L. 4.3; SNP, 5.6; Scot Lab, 1.7; UU,

C. 50.7; Lab. 34.2; L. 4.3; SNP: Mr Stewart 0 (3); Mr Sinp. 5.6; Scot Lab. 1.7; UU, Crawford 3 (8); Mr Reid 1 (2); Mr Henderson 2 (8); Mrs Bain 2 (1); Mrs Ewing 0 (2); Mr Crawford 3 (8); Mr Stewart 0 (1); Mr Single 1 (2); Mr Single 1 (2); Mr Single 1 (3); Mr Welsh 0 (2); Mr Watt 0 (1). each party, represented as per-centages of their total Commons strength, were:

C, 13.4; Lab. 7.7; L. 38.5; SNP, 100; Scot Lab, 50; and UU. 10.

The following is an analysis of the number of speeches (with interventions in parentheses) made by each participating MP. Conservatives: Mr Pym 7 (5); Mr Brittan 10 (20); Mr Fletcher 6 (6); Mr Younger 2 (3): Mr E. Taylor 5 (19); Mr M Macmillan 3 (4); Mr Griffiths 5 (11); Mr Raison 6 (14); Mr Gow 6 (11): Mr Raison 6 (14); Mr Gow 6 (11): Mr R. G. Page 6 (11); Mr Spront 10 (5); Mr Budgen 4 (5): Mr Gardizer 3 (0); Mr Renton 2 (11); Mr Cormack 1 (3); Mr Benyon 5 (2): Mr Vitaterton — (1): Mr Rathbone 1 (3); Mr Galbraith 1 (7); Mr Grieve 1 (4); Mr Rees 0 (1); Mr Griffith 3 (5); Mr G. Price 3 (6); Sir D Renton 2 (4): Mr Stokes 3 (1); Mr R. R. James 2 (0); Mrs Knight 1 (1); Sir J. Gilmour 1 (2): Mr King 0 (1); Mr Clark-Hutchinson 0 (11); Mr Morrison 3 (1); Mr Crouch 1 (0); Mr Knox 1 (0); Mr Riffithd 4 (9); Mr Buchanan-Smith 4 (2): Mr Stokes 1 (1); Mr Ross, 2 (0); Mr Smalbrook 1 (0); Mr Kershaw 1 (2). Labour: Mr J. Smith, 21 (17); Mr Ewing, 5 (3); Dr Miller, 2 (5); Mr Ross, 2 (0); Mr Small, 5 (3); Mr Ross, 2 (0); Mr Small, 5 (3); Mr Ross, 2 (1); Mr Demosey, 2 (2); Mr Bray, 1 (1); Mr Craigen, 0 (3): Mr Rooker, 0 (1); Mr Bennett, 2 (1); Mr Ogden, 3 (1); Mr Bennett, 2 (1); Mr Ogden, 3 (1); Mr Bennett, 2 (1); Mr Demosey, 2 (2); Mr Gourley, 1 (2); Mr Lee, 0 (2): Mr Gowley, 1 (2); Mr Lee, 0 (3): Mr Gormond 4 (1); Mr Smell 1 (3); Mr Grimond 4 (1); Mr Smell 1 (3); u (3). Scottisti Labour: Mr Sillars 4 (10). Uister Unionist: Mr Powell 6

WEST EUROPE

Second blow to future of minister in Bonn

Prom Patricia Chugh Boom, Dec 16

The political future of Herr. Georg Leber, the Defence Minis-ter, looked increasingly uncertain today after a second blow in the wake of Monday's age scandal.

The Constitutional Court im-placity criticized the Social Democrat Free Democrat Govarily suspending one of its more novations: the right of con-scripts in choose freely between service.

The court pointed out that by December 1 this year there were 130,000 supposed conscientious objectors waking to do social service while the ministry had

service white the ministry had only 11,000 vacancies.

The court's action, coming on top of the disclosure than 1,000 top secret ministry documents had apparently been passed to East Germany, was seen by several newspapers as sealing Herri Leber's fate. Some even begun to speculate on a successor. to speculate on a successor.

Herr Leber discussed the court's ruling and the espionage scandal with Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, last night, but a government spokesman denied today that they had talked about

his resignation. A Defence Ministry spokesman said today there was no basis to reports that the minister was about to

The right-wing Die Welt claimed today Herr Schmidt was unwilling to let Herr Leber resign before a Cabinet reshufile which, it said, he planned to make early next year.

planned to make early next year.
It speculated that the sup-posed resbuffle would be announced in an important government declaration on domestic, foreign and economic policy which Herr Schmidt has announced that he will make on January 19.

Herr Leber is regarded as a

good defence minister and is undoubtedly popular with the armed forces. But there have armed forces. But there have been charges that he has become increasingly inaccessible and out of touch with the affairs of his ministry. Eyebrows have been raised at Herr Leber's own admission that he had not read the ministry's assessment of the damage done by the alleged spies and only learned of its magnitude through the press.

The parliamentary defence committee has begun investigating the affair and is expected to call witnesses, including Dr Kurt Rebmann, the federal prosecutor, who is heading legal investigations, early next year.

The Pope sends Mgr Capucci to S America

Rome, Dec 16.—The Pope ordered a roving assignment in Lantin America today for Mgr Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic Archolishop of Jerusalem, who spent three years in an Israeli jeil out of a 12-year- sentence for smuggling guns to Palestinian guerrillas.

The Pope met briefly Mgr Capucci and the Melchite

Capucci and the Melchite Patriarch Maximos V Hakim of Beirut, Mgr Capucci's immediate superior.

The Vatican announced that Mgr Capucci would be "visiting Greek Catholic Melchite conmunities in several countries of Latin America".—UPI. Director held

for 'insult' to army in play.

Madrid, Dec 16.—A well-known Spanish theatre director has been arrested on Army orders for staging a play. La Torna, said to contain insuits against the armed forces, Cifra, the Spanish news agency, said today.

Señor Albert Boadella, director and chief of the Catalonian theare group Els Joglars (The Players), is being held in a

Barcelona prison after questioning by a military judge.

Several small bombs exploded inside one of Madrid's biggest department stores after it closed last night, damaging a furniture display, police said. A guerrilla movement fighting for the independence of the Canary Islands claimed respon-sibility.—UPI, AP and Reufer. Snow blocks passes -

But he stopped short of

descending into the political erena, and remained aloof from

party controversies, and con-flicts. His speech was largely devoted to the present and

From Our Own Correspondent, confirm the allegations of vio-The Socialists today called on the Italian Government to dismiss the Rome chief of police and punish members of the rior quad said to have used violence against young people rounded up during demonstrations last Monday. The allegations are serious.

confirm the allegations of violence and the use of teargas.

Feminists are planning a
demonstration this weekend
after reports that a woman four
months pregnant lost her child
as a result of the teargas.

Some reports indicate that
the police had heard the
rumour (which was untrue)
that one of their number had
been killed during the riots,
and that the rumour, combined
with the tension imposed by
long hours on duty, accounted
for their alleged behaviour.

A report has gone to the
Ministry of the Interior, but as
yet no official version of what
occurred has been made public.
The declared aim of the
demonstration was to mark the
eighth anniversary of
the hombing in Milan on December
12, 1969, which was the start of
postwar political terrorism in
Italy.

Lete last night a Rome do with the demonstration. One woman dragged into a police car is said in have been threatened with a pistol when she screamed.

At the police barracks, physical violence is said to have been used as well as insults and either one or two reargas bombs were thrown into the symnasium where the 200 people were being held. Teargas on the streets of Rome is no uncommon experience but it is Italy. Late last night a Rome

on the streets of Rome is no uncommon experience but it is easy to imagine its effects in a crowded and enclosed space. The trade unions have issued a statement protesting against "grave acts of violence". Young people addressing an The walls of the cinema were assembly at the university daubed with slogans of the yesterday claimed they could extreme right. Life sentence for kidnap murder

Saarbrücken, Dec 16.—A Müller, aged 22, and an accom-young German was sentenced to plice who has committed suicide

life imprisonment here today were accused of letting their for kidnapping and murdering in October last year. Gernot after police were seen at the Egolf, the son of a wealthy West spot where DMZm (£500,000) Berne, Dec 16.—Snow has blocked 12 Alpine passes and two in the Jura mounatius

Heading passes and German brewer.

The defendant, Joachim Peter paid.—Agence France-Presse.

From Our Own Correspondent year he had tried to keep Paris, Dec 16

President Giscard D'Estaing apealed today from the heart of the Norman countryside for the support of "deep, rated such of the republic", he declared. "I wanted Prance to remain worthy of the country to justice and protection of the country to justice and protection. The country to justice and protection of the country to justice and protection of the country to justice and protection. The country to justice and protection of the country of the institutions of the called for the suppression of the country to justice and protection of the country of the institutions of the common agricultural market.

He called for the suppression of the country to justice by the payments and the protection of the country of the institutions of the called for the suppression of the country of the institutions of the country of the country of the institutions of the country of the called for the suppression of the country of the country of the institutions of the country of the count the country to justice and progress". He was speaking to an enthusiastic audience of several thousand people in a huge tent set up for the purpose in the sports ground of the small township of Vassy, near Vire.

The president's speech was a prelude to his reentry into the domestic political scene in the election campaign, after a deliberate abstention of many months.

said French agriculture had undergone profound change. "Twenty years ago, it was regarded as a burden to the country, condemned to subsistence and protectionism." Today, it had achieved economic devoted to the present and and social parity with other future of agriculture.

He said that during the past

The reasons were the Govern-

Giscard plea for rural support

the republic", he declared. "I wanted Prance to remain worthy of her great historic tradition, to progress towards justice by improving the lot of the underprivileged."

He attempted to still the discontent and fears of a rural population which often feels it has been let down by a government which does not keep its promises to the farmers on prices, income and security. He said French agriculture had remainded to the suppression of "those customs barriers of a new type called compensatory payments" and said the time had come to stribilize the rural population at the present level. Turning to the future, he should still depend largely on agricultural imports for its food. The domestic market must be reconquered. "Agriculture must be our oil. Farm products are our only

Farm products are our only raw material." Agriculture must expand its production and productivity. France must switch from a

farm to a food policy. A thundering oration greeted the end of the speech, followed by rythmic shouts of "GisOVERSEAS____

Rhodesia general says Bankers say raid killed many of guerrillas' leaders

Salisbury, Dec 15

Rhodesia's big raid into Mozambique at the end of last month eliminated a part of the leadership of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (Zanla), the guerrilla force belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front according to Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rho-

The two main guerrilla commanders, Mr Josiah Tongogara and Mr Rex Nhongo, escaped death. "It was bad luck that Nhongo and Tongogara had gone off to a meeting elsewhere", General Walls staid in his first public comment on the raid in an interview with me. "But I was not going to post-pone the raid in the hope that they might return. Although we did not get those two top chaps we got a hell of a lot of their leadership."

their leaderstup."

According to an official Rhodesian communique released at
the time, or least 1,200 "perrorists" were killed during the
attacks on Zanka's political and
mikinary commend headquarters
at Chimoto, east of Umtah, and
the provincial command and
training base camp at Tembue, training base camp at Tembue, deep inside Mozambique's Tete deep inside Mozamindue's teleprovince. General Walls thinks this figure could be on the conservative side, but stated that the main aim of the attack was

me man and of the details in the first was just to kill "nerrs".

"Killing terrorists was but one of the maks I gave the chaps when I gave the order for the strike", he added. The main the strike ", he added. The main

chaps when I gave me the total to the strike", he added. The main priorities were to strike at the Zanla hierarchy, gather intelligence and disrupt the guerrillas logistics. In his view the operation succeeded in all these objectives.

However, General Walls is the first to admit that the attack has only caused a temporary setback for the guerrillas. "There are still an awful lot of terrorists left, both betooging to Zanka and Zipra (the army belonging m the other wing of the Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo). We destroyed a lot of them but there are still a hell of a lot left and they have got a lot of weapons."

lot of wespons."

The Chimoio and Tembue raids were part of a pattern of preemptive attacks which the Rhodeshus have been carrying out egainst external guerrilla bases in recent years. General Walls made it plain that they Walls made it plain that they would carry out further raids if necessary. We are fighting for the existence of law and order the existence of lew and order here and you cannot just sit back and let bases like that exist. Yes, we will continue to operate behind enemy lines."

He emphasized, however, that Rhodesia had no quarrel with the focal Mozembican population or with the Frelimo Army execute when they start more when they start more "except when they start mor-taring our tea estates". But if Frelimo "got in the way then it was tough luck on them. Normally they don't. They seem, to keep the mealing assurate

just have to accept that we might kill some women." It was tough luck for them, also. General Walls took over as Rhodesia's head of defence earlier this year, having pre-viously been Commander of the

Similarly, if there were women in the camps "then we

Army. He is very much a soldier's soldier and is re-spected by the white and black troops who serve under him. He is also widely admired by the civilian population because his good humour, unassuming manner and acknowledged courage are the sorts of quali-ties which they like to regard as being typically Rhodesian. He is not, however, liked by the guerrillas who have threatened to string him up

threatened to string him up from the nearest tree if they take over. General Walls sees it as his duty to prevent that happening, unless it takes place by constitutional means.

General Walls started his military career in Rhodesia and went on to Sandhurst and developed much of his present counterpringurance experise loped much of his present counter-insurgency expertise during two years with the British Army during the Malayan emergency. The Rhodesian system of placing the local population in "protected villages", for example, is based very much on British practice in Malaya.

One of the main aspects of counter-insurgency operations

counter-insurgency operations which General Walls said be which General Walls said he learnt during that period was the need to win the local population on to the side of the security forces. "You cannot win a war like this purely through military means. The military is merely there to maintain law and order and provide a conducive atmosphere for political development."

It is for this reason that he strongly rejects suggestions that

strongly rejects suggestions that the Rhodesian security forces sanction torture or act in an imagessarily brutal manner.

"Any sadistic action is completely counter-productive and pletely counter-productive and destroys exactly what we are trying to do. If a soldier or policement steps over the line then he will get hammered."

Looking to the future, General Walls said he believed the nationalist leaders at present engaged in settlement talks with the Rhodesian Government increasingly realized the need for a future government of an independent state to retain the

for a future government of an independent state to retain the security forces more or less as they are at present. They all know, even the Patriotic Front, that the best way of maintaining a stable country is to have good security forces which are loyal to the state and not to any activities forcein.

He pointed out that there was alresdy a fair degree of racial integration is the armed forces, 32 per cent of the regular army As for himself, he has already tried to retire twice and now, at the age of 51, might welcome a less demanding job once the war is ended. "But

New York needs much longer loan

Washington, Dec 16.—The American Government's special down programme to New York City is due to end next summer, but congressional hearings today have shown that everyone closely involved in trying to put New York on a secure financial footing believes the city must be helped for several more vears.

Several chairmen of the largest banks in New York today asked Congress to support an extension of the Governan extension of the Govern-ment's lending programme. Mr Gebriel Haugh, chairman of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank, said the city might be able to raise a small amount of money in the bond market by next summer, but it would take considerably longer before there was broad public accep-rance of the city's securities. tance of the city: securities.

Mr Elimore Patterson, chair-man of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Bank, told the Senate banking committee: "I see no way for the city to make it without the continued help of credit facilities from the federzi Governmeat.

Mr Alfred Brittain, chairman of the Bankers Trust Com-pany, said a five-year extension of the loan programme was needed and Mr Norborne Berkeley, president of the Chemical Bank, thought a three-year ex-

pension at least was essential. The bankers and New York's politicians may disagree on details, but they all agree on the need for continued help from Washington. The city's recent failure to achieve more than an extremely poor rating from the bond market credit agencies has only served to strengthen the impression that New York still has a long way to go before its financial health has been adequately restored. It seems likely that the Ad-ministration will support an extension of Government assist-ance, although it could be assistance in a new and more permenent form. The Administration is at present contem-plating the establishment of an

urban development bank to help the nation's ailing cities. It is most unlikely that either Congress or the Administration will take any decision on this matter until Mr Koch, the city's new Mayor, has been firmly installed in office and has had a chance to outline his own

Papua politician on death charge Port Morseby, Dec 16.—Sir Tei Abal, leader of Papua New Guinea's parliamentary opposition, was committed for trial today on a charge of manslaughter.

He was sent for trial after a coroner's inquest into the death of a young policeman whose mortocycle was in collision with

to keep themselves separate if the constitutional authority a car driven by Sir Tei Abel in They don't seem to like our was to ask me to do something Port Morseby last month—terrorists."

Reporters find Thai jail for women congenial

Nurse cries while talking of appeal

From Neil Kelly.

Baugiok, Dec 16

Rears in Brinain for Miss Ritta Nightingale, the jailed myrse from Lancashire, promoped in the prison in Bangiok today to the press. Miss Nightingale was sentenced a week ago no 20 years' imprisonment in Brinain for streampted drug sanughing. Today's escorted tour of the prison suggested that her family need not worry unduly about her. Foreign curvesyondents for attempted that her family need not worry unduly about her. Foreign curvesyondents found it the most congenial prison they had ever seen.

Foreign television cameramen were refused admission bettery. She was chearful but cried a little as she spoke about, her decision in appeal against the sense of four months.

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She had no complaints today except for saying that she could not ear prison food but bought food outside like other foreign prisoners: Mr Thawee Choosep, the director general of the Corrections Department, admitted that the food was probably not very good for There was a school for prisoners who could not read or

probably not very good for foreigners.

He believed Miss Nightingale, who is 24, would serve 10 years at the most. Foreigners, he said, were given more privileges than Thai ones. They could send and receive more or less unlimited numbers of letters, have more visitors, and could cook their own food which they bought themselves.

soners who could not read or The six foreign women in the prison, all there for drug offences, appeared in good

That ones. They could send and receive more or less unlimited Miss Holly Hislop, a 25-year-numbers of letters, have more visitors, and could cook their own food which they bought themselves.

Sun streamed into the sky room where Miss Nightingale was beating a mixture for a Miss Holly Hislop, a 25-year-old Canadian, said: "Conditions are OK. My time here has below me." She will be out in March after serving almost four years of her 10-year sentence, her term being reduced by various amnesties.

on the floor.

An Asian-type lavatory is in a corner. The room, which is wire-screened against mosquitoes, becomes oppressive through the long tropical nights. A woman guard sleeps outside the door on a wide verandah unprotected from mosquitoes. Plea shelved: The move to have Miss Nightingale deported to England has been shelved. Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour MP for Blackburu, Miss Nightingale's home town, said after talks with Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, "Rita's decision to appeal completely changes the situation. It would be quite wrong of the British Government or anyone else to aftempt—or even

one else to attempt—or even appear to be attempting—to interfere with the judicial processes of Thailand.

"Obviously we hope the appeal is successful and the Foreign Secretary has agreed to see me. again as soon as

see me again as soon as the verdict is known." A fund has been set up at the Albion Hotel, Blackburn, by friends of Miss Nightingale's widowed mother, to provide money for food and other comforts in prison.

Story of Kennedy 'hush money' falls flat

inauguardon to persuade her to Times columnist, who used to

Washington, Dec 6

The curious case of the alleged payment of \$500,000 (about \$7280,000) in "hush money" by the Kennedy family in 1961 has provoked little comment so far. Further details will doubtless emerge with time.

It is said that Mr Robert It is said that Mr Robert Kennedy, then Attorney

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In augusardion to persuade means to drop the suit:

The woman had allegedly write speeches for President Nixon and has a sharp eye for Democratic cover-ups.

The files he wanted were private ones kept by the late machine fortune, who died 13 days later leaving his millions to her. She is now who shall can be five the feeling of the Rederal Bureau of the Robert Kennedy, then Attorney

The story was extracted from was simply passing on an un-Kennedy, then Artorney to find her.

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The story was extracted from the files of the Federal Bureau suing John F. Kennedy during the interval between his election to the presidency and his william Safire, The New York: United States.

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Repayment

Sir John Rodgers (Sevenoals, C) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what were the reasons for the delay in payment of tax rebates to mortgages.

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in a written reply, said: Some 2,500,000 taxpayers with building society mortgages will not have received a tax repayment when their PAYE codes were increased to take account of the latest increases in nersonal allowances.

personal allowances.

This was because their codes were reduced last September on a non-cumulative basis to take account of reductions in the rate of interest paid to building protectes.

of tax to

mortgage

holders

Thick smoke rises in a black pall above the blazing supertanker Venoil off Cape St Francis. Pollution menace after supertankers collide

A huge supertanker, laden with 250,000 tons of crude oil, was tonight drifting ablaze and abandoned 20 miles off the South African coast. Salvage. rugs were racing to the scene to try to avert what could end in a imprecedented pollution

ships caught fire and the Venoil was abandoned within half an

members of the Venper's crew

A spokesman for the agency said yesterday that the violation did not involve any known safety rules or laboratory procedures. The action involved a jeboratory at Harvard Medical School where recombinant DNA research, popularly

NBC signs

ratings fight
From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Dec 16

The National Broadcasting

Company has signed David Frost, the British entertainer, as a surprise weapon in its increasingly fierce battle for supremacy with the other two

At a press conference last night, Mr Paul Klein, NBC's

vice-president for programmes,

said that Mr Frost would be contracted to the company for three years, and next May would begin a series of six

David Frost has not been

seen on American television

since his interviews with President Nixon earlier this

year. "It's been a while since the Nixon interviews, where he made a big splash," Mr Klein said, "and people are anxious to see him again."

The programmes will be broadcast live, and will contain "action profiles, interviews, and the whole cross-section" of current affairs' reporting. Although the project is experimental, NBC must consider allowers.

sider almost any risk worth taking to restore its position

For some years NBC vied for top network with the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and

the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) was some way behind. Now ABC is the leading

network and NBC is trailing

Spassky makes

victory in sight

Belgrade, Dec 16.—Boris Spassky, well on his way to his first victory in his chess match against Viktor Korchnoi, made

a crucial mistake tonight before

ossible defeat when the game

For the first time Spassky

blunder with

is resumed tomorrow.

current affairs pro-

in US

national networks.

to reach the area early tomorrow. An oil slick three miles long

Harvard told to halt gene-splicing

Ethiopia 'reign of terror'

dical research) have for the direct time ordered a laboratory to halt gene-splicing research supported by a federal grant because of a procedural violation of the rules governing such studies.

A spokesman for the agency and method to deliberate manipulation of heredity in ways the critics consider imponent.

David Frost horrifies US visitors

Nairobi, Dec 16

capital.

From Our Correspondent

Two American congressmen

who met Colonel Mengistu, the

Ethiopian military ruler, dur-

ing a visit to Addis Ababa, today expressed themselves horri-

fied by the nightly killings, and

the absence of respect for

human rights in the Ethiopian

Mr Paul Tsongas and Mr Don

Bonker, who are urging a greater awareness in Congress

of the situation in the Horn of Africa, flew here today from Addis Ababa. They said they will urge that the United States

should reappoint an ambassa-dor to Ethiopia in order to en-hance the American presence

They also want economic and

trrespective of the present military links between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union. But the United States should maintain its embargo on military aid to ally.

refugees from Vietnam

Camberra, Dec 16.—The check on Vietnamese seeking Australian Government will fly entry to Australia. The move 1,050 Vietnamese men, women was decided after refugees had and children from Thai reached Darwin in flimsy fish-

announced today.

The first batch of about 180 will arrive next Friday on a charter flight. The rest will being unfairly favoured by the travel on regular flights of the travel on regular flights of the charter flights of the travel on regular flights of the charter flights of the travel on regular flights of the charter flights of the travel on regular flights of the charter flights of the travel on regular flights of the charter f

Pekin, Dec 16.—General Zia were at the airport and chil-ul-Haq, Pakistan's chief martial dren of the Peking Pakistani law administrator, arrived in Pakistani flags. Among other

law administrator, arrived in Pakistani flags. Among other Peking this morning for a diplomats and officials were the

friendly informal visit " after ambassadors of Iran and North

Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the Chinese Government's first con-Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, tact with the new Pakistani

humanitarian aid to continue,

1,050 Vietnamese men, women and children from Thai refugee camps to Australia,

the Immigration Department

airline Qantas until mid-

January.
Mr Michael MacKellar, the
Minister of Immigration, has

recently sent officials to refugee camps in Thailand and else-

where in South-East Asia to -Reuter.

a forced 36-hour stop in Shang- Korea.

hai due to bad weather.

Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the

met General Zia at the airport. He arrived on a Chinese Air-

lines aircraft, accompanied by Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese Foreign Minister. Also present

at the brief military welcoming ceremony were Mr Han Nien-lung, the Vice-Foreign Minis-ter, and General Yang Cheng-

wu, the Army Assistant Chief

The Pakistani embassy staff

but later it was said that all 84 seamen were rescued.

An explosion after the collision was felt in the holiday resort of Plettenberg Bay, 27 miles away. But teeh assistent port captain of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ian Simpson, who is coordinating salvage efforts, said tonight that the fires were confined to bunker oil and the Venoil's cargo had not yet been affected.

registered Venotl (330,954 tons) bound for Europe, collided earlier today in thick fog with her empty sister ship, Venoet (330,869 tons) bound for the Gulf, 25 miles off the coast near Port Elizabeth.

The Venotl struck the Venoet starboard near the stern. Both the coast starboard near the stern the coast starboard near the coast s one of the most powerful of its type in the world, was expected

and balf a mile wide was mov-ing parallel to the coast.

A helicopter from an oil rig was the first to reach the stricken ships. It hovered a few feet above the deck of the blazing Vennet to lift 16 men to safety.

Mr Geoffrey Frielinghaus, commander of the Plettenberg Bay see rescue unit, shid tonight that the helicopter pilot, Mr Buddy Motherd, was a "week heave man" who flow

pilot, Mr Buddy Muckford, was a "very brave man", who flew right down into the flames to pick up survivors. "It was a miracle they didn't all die", The Helicopter landed the men aboard the tanker Jedforest which is expected to put them ashore at Cape Town tomorrow. Other survivors were on board the Brirish cargo vessel, Clan Menzies. Two other tankers in the area, the Barnaby and Chevron, offered assistance but

both Ethiopia and Somalia,

At the same time, they ex-

rights situation. In a tour of Addis Ababa earlier today they

saw, the bodies of time, people who had been shot as "counter-revolutionaries".

"It was a saddening experience. There is no doubt that

ence. There is no doubt that there is a reign of terror in Addis Ababa today. It affects everyone and a cloud of fear permeates the city. We understand the death toll last night was around 50, and many of the

bodies had deliberately been left on view," Mr Bonker told a press conference bere.

The two congressmen are due to visit Somelia tomorrow where

they will meet President Barre. They will later visit Egypt and

ing vessels.

The arrivals of refugees have

caused protests from trade

being unfairly favoured by the Government which waived immigration rules and proce-

Since the end of the Vietnam

This non-official visit is the

regime since General Zia seized

power "ve months ago and arrested the former Prime Mini-

ster, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was very close to the

cial Chinese press have said they intend to maintain with

General Zia's regime the same friendly relations existing be-tween the two countries since

The Covernment and the offi-

war in April, 1975. Australia has taken just under 5,000 refugees.

General Zia meets Peking leaders

without warning.
British help: A P & O spokesman in London said the group's 155,000-ton oil-bulk carrier, Jet Forest picked up 38 crew members from the supertankers all Chinese, who had leapt over

board.

Our Business News Staff writes:
With each of the makers valued ar \$28m (about £15m), the collision is almost certain to represent the largest marine loss in history.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said that as much as three-fifths of the risk would have been placed through the London market. In the case of the Lloyd's market, the effect may well be to turn the 1977 marine account from a marginal overall profit into a marginal loss.

Concorde Bethesda, Maryland, Dec 16. The National Institutes of Health (the United States Government's main agency for the conduct and support of biomedical research) have for the first time ordered a laboratory to halt gene-splicing research of much controversy because of much controversy because in the key chemical in the The specific procedural violation. The specific procedural violation made known yesterday was Hervard's failure to get an interest of memory and agreement concerning the inhoratory's experiments before the work at that have been a subject actually began. The reason is flights to **Singapore**

cancelled By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Concorde flights between London and Singapore have been cancelled until further notice because of the failure to obtain permission for the air-liner to fly through Malaysian

miknown.

The violation came to light because of a Freedom of Information request from Mr Leslie Dach of the Environmental Defence Fund, who said that he made the inquiry because of reports that people in the laboratory procedures in some of the experimental work. safety rules or laboratory procedures. The action involved a laboratory at Harvard Medical School where recombinant DNA research, popularly known as gene-splicing research, has been in progress for several years. The investigation by the agency is continuing. (DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the active substance of genes and there-specified in the chemistry of genetics and of the experimental work. The institutes investigated in gwith some presently unserving the chemistry of genetics and of the experimental work. The institutes investigated and found that the required agreement was lacking. The egency is also investigated the chemistry of genetics and coptaining with some presently unserving the experimental work. The institutes investigated and found that the required agreement was lacking. The egency is also investigated the chemistry of genetics and coptaining with some presently unserving the experimental work.

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The service, operated jointly by British Airweys and Singapore Airlines, was suspended yesterday only seven days after it was inaugurated in a burst of white the control of the of publicity. The service cut the flight time between the two cities, which can be as long as 20 hours, to nine and a half-hours.

the way to Singapore when the news reached the crew that the talks in Kuala Lumpur between British and Malaysian Govern-ment representatives had failed

to reach agreement.

The supersonic service was terminated at Bahrain and passengers were offered seats on subsonic flights for the rest of the rest of

the journey.

The Makysians opposed Concorde flights through their aircorde flights through their airspace because they were piqued
over what they saw as a lack
of consultation by Britain before the new service was due
to begin. The service was able
to start when Indonesia opened
its air-space to Concorde, but
only for three return flights.
The last of these arrived back
in London on Thursday.

The last of these arrived back in London on Thursday.

British Airways said yesterday: "We are very disappointed. We must now await the outcome of the technical discussions between the two governments, and we will wish to resume services as soon as we possibly can. In the meantime, the Concorde service will continue to operate between

time, the Concorde service will continue to operate between London and Bahrain."

The British High Commission in Kuala Lumour said that the Makysian Government had agreed to further talks next week and "we naturally hope that these discussions will lead to an early agreement". They are the first high level delegation from the United States to have met Colonel Men-gistu, and are the only congress-men to have met him person-

Australia is to admit 1,050 600 beld after bomb attack in Djibouti

Dijbouti, Dec ?.—Troops and police have detained more than 600 people after last night's grenade attack on a popular Djibouti night spot, informed sources said. Two people died and 31 were injured in a restau-rant filled with French soldiers.

Bushfires kill two in Australia Sydney, Dec 16.—Bush fires near Sydney today killed two people, destroyed at least 50 homes and forced hundreds of

people, including hospital patients, to flee from the area.

Mr Bhutto's frequent visits to

peace and stability in our

Peking. Tonight General Zia wili be guest of honour at a banquet, described by a Chinese off ial as "bilateral", meaning the foreign diplomatic corps would During a binquet in his bonour in Shanghai last night, General Zia said Sino-Pakistani led to a change of government, did the applicant find it possible to come out of hiding and mix norm-ally with the Island inhabitants. friendship and cooperation were a "vital element in ensuring

any with the instant inhabitants. But he soon formed the opinion that he would like to live in England, and on September 9, 1974, be left Cyprus with an exit permit authorized by the appropriate exploiter. region".
Mr Huang Hua flew specially to Shanghai on Wednesday attended the banquet given by the Shanghai municipal revolutionary committée. - Agence

Rash to give a date for direct elections It would be rash at this stage for the Government to give any undertakings about a specific target date for direct elections to the European Parliament, Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said after announcing forthcoming EEC business. ies proposals. The agenda for the proposed finance ministers' meet-ing has yet to be settled.

PARLIAMENT, December 16, 1977.

Foreign ministers will consider relations with Spain, Cyprus, Turkey and Yngoslavia; the enlargement of the Community and the GATT multilateral trade negotiations. They will also probably consider Euramm/United States relations, in the light of the new United States nuclear resport and non-proliferation. export and non-proliferation legislation resulting from President Carter's statement on April 7, 1977.

forthcoming EEC business.

As the House had exercised its right, to choose the first past the post system, the Government had complications which they would have to work out and evaluate. Mr Judd (Portsmouth, North, Lab) said that at present four Council of Ministers' meetings were proposed for January. Fisheries ministers will meet (he said) on January 16, and possibly 17, finance ministers possibly on January 16, foreign ministers on the 17th, and agriculture ministers on the 23rd and 24th.

Fisheries ministers will continue Agricultural ministers will re-some their discussion on common agricultural policy price proposals for 1978-79; and agricultural monetary questions. They may also give further consideration to

the foreign ministers will want to decide the question of direct elections? Will the British minister, in the light of the vote in this House last week, give his colleagues an undertaking that provided there is the political will to provide parliamentary time it to provide parliamentary time it will be possible to hold elections

Mr Judd—The Government have made plain both in this House and at meetings of the Council of Ministers the difficulties which would face if the House decided to go for the first-past-the-post I am certain that at forth-

ing meetings, because this is a continuing process of review, we will be asked about how we

It would be rash at this stage to give undertakings about speci-fic target dates because we believed if we were going to meet the target date, it would have to be a regional list system. The House has exercised its right to choose the other system and, therefore, we have complications which we will have to work out and evaluate.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick upon Tweed, L)—It would help if the Foreign Secretary (Dr Owen) took someone from the Conservative Front Beach to Brussels in order to explain why they voted to ensure there will not be any direct elections next year. Mr Judd-That is not for me to deal with.

Call for registration problem. It was not easy for local authorities to acquire the byelaws they needed. The existing legisla-tion must be activated and the

debate referred to acupuncturists and control of their premises.

of acupuncturists

Re said that in his constitubreak of viral hepatitis B which had been traced to an acupuncturdate 35 cases had been confirmed. The disease could cause cancer of

The practitioner concerned had his surgery in his front living room. and a mattress on the floor served the room and the general state of much to be desired.

The difficulties of the medical authorities, when they moved in when the outbreak was discovered, were compounded by the fact that that acupuncturist had not kept any record of patients.

societies.

Most of these taxpayers will be entitled to a repayment (ie the reduction in tax from the personal allowances increases will be more than the amount of tax underpaid from the reductions in mortgage interest) and tax offices will examine this when doing the review of codes for 1978-79.

As soon as a tax office finds that a repayment is due, the taxpayer will be put back on the mormal basis for PAYE so the employer can make it.

The review should be completed by about February but most of There was urgent need for the Government to deal with the problem. There should be some control over non-qualified acupuncturists and some check on how many there were in the country. The Government should legislate for the health and safety of the public and not leave it to local authorities to decide whether or not to do something about the by about February but most of the unpayers entitled to a repay-ment should have got it before then.

White Paper on airports

strategy out in January

tary for Health and Social Security, said that he and his department were deeply concerned at the outbreak. Between May and October. 36 cases had been reported in Birmingham and attributed to

The outbreak of hepatitis to

Mr Alfred Morris, Under Secre-

He did not believe that intro-duction of legislation requiring the registration of acupuncturists would, by itself, remove the risk. It was not only acupuncture which, when practised unhygiemically, would cause hepatitis, but ear piercing and tattooing. He hoped that would be widely noted, especially among young people.

Powers already existed for in-spection of premises and, if necessary, for prosecution of those who practised their professions in a manner which was a threat to health. There were many, includ-ing MPs, who believed that acu-puncture, properly practised, had much to offer.

The acumuncturists' association

The acupuncturists' association could apply for the Professions Supplementary to Medicines Act to be extended to cover them and the procedure for doing so had been explained to the association.

High intensity

rear lights Mr John Horam, Under-Secretary for Transport, said in a written reply that it was intended to make regulations requiring that all new vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, should be fitted with at least one high intensity rear fog

in cermin areas who perhaps ough to have made their committeed early. It would not have been right to reject them. He understood the anxiety that the waiting period had produced. He was sorry there had been this alippage but the consultation period was now over. regulate the construction, position and use of such lamps when fitted to both new and existing vehicles. Interested bodies will be consulted early in 1978 with a view to enact-ment of regulations later in the Ministers were studying a draft White Paper and he had every reason to believe it would, he hoped, he published in January.

It is proposed to make the regu-lations effective from October,

Mr Clinton Devis, Under-Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab) in reply to an adjournment debate on Liverpool airport initiated by Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said he hoped the White Paper on a national zirport strategy would be published in Jamasy. The Government had had a choice between imposing a policy from Whitehall or allowing everybody to offer a view about a national zirport strategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports trategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports trategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports trategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports trategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports trategy to change the chaotic zimustion of Britain's airports. If they were to do that, it was bound to take time. Eyen up to the last few weeks the Government had had people Employment of disabled in public sector

House adjourned 4.2 pm 'nmil

who had wanted to make impor-tant contributions—the Highlands and Islands and local authorities

The latest figures for the employment of disabled people in the public sector showed a further decline and gave continued cause for concern. Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for Employment, stated in a written reply to Mr George Rodgers (Shorley, Lab). Mr George Rodgers (Shorley, Lab). Mr Grant, added: It is only right for me to emphasize, however, that they relate only to those disabled employees who have assured me that they would do their utmost to increase the registered. Registration is voluntary and we know that there are many disabled people in employment. Mr Grant said that other initiatives had been taken by the Civil service Department and other they have service for disabled people in their employment. Mr Grant said that other initiatives had been taken by the Civil service Department and other they have about what more might be done to disclose the fact.

The point has been made by chairmen of oradonalized industries

Contents of files on Commission officials

its committees to look further in-to personal questionnaires which

Commission officials. Petitions that it was necessary that freedom of opinion of its officials. The committee said it understood that the Commission had to guarantee the trustworthiness of a limited number of officials work-ing with highly confidential docu-ments, but stressed that the questionnaires of national authorities should not constitute separate files which could influence careers.

The committee had examined a petition from members of the sinff committee which asked the European Parliament to ensure that no reference to political, philosophical or religious views was contained in files of officials or other waff.

The pention, in November, 1976, had stated that the Commission had saked its British, Danish and Irish staff to complete a personal questionnaire concerning their political views.

Mme Marie-Therese Goutmann (France, Comm) said the ques-tions were an attack on human liberty, and a deliberate infringement of the guarantees and fun-damental principles of democracy. It was undeniable that such in-quiries were being carried out. Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said this issue raised the question of whether the Com-munity should be responsible for

Euratom.

Mr John Prescott (Kingston-upon-Hull, East, Lab) said the debate raised some of the most funda-mental issues facing everyone, par-land parliamentarians.

MPs ticularly parliamentarians. MPs had the role of guaranteeing and protecting the freedom of individuals in the Community.

It would be better if Parliament did not express its opinion today but asked the committee to look at the proposition again.

M Francois-Xavier Ortoti, for the Commission, said there was the need to preserve secrecy and the freedom of liberty. The commission used national questionnaires. It did not have, nor wish to have, a police force, never, since 1958 when the system was incoduced. when the system was introduced for Euratom, had any case been brought before the Court of Justice.

Parliament passed a resolution which asked the council of ministers to submit proposals as soon as possible for direct elections to the European Parliament.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) who proposed the resolution, said that it was clear that the elections would be delayed following the decision of the House of Commons on Tuesday. History would judge it a sorry decision.

factor. Any passage of time when the applicant was in the hills had to be excluded. That still left some-thing like 2! years' passage of time to be considered.

Mr Woolf sought to persuade the court that, although delay of

because the situation in Cyprus was unusual and delicate, and all sorts of sensitive elements were present.

His Lordship thought that the deputy Attorney General's affidavit should be accepted as being an illumination of the particular factor causing the passage of time. It was impossible in the face of what had been said about the difficulties in bringing proceedings earlier for their Lordships to say that the order of return should be refused by virtue of section 8.

Once that conclusion was reached, there was nothing left in the case and the application should be refused.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park agreed.

An application for leave to appeal to the House of Lords was

Solicitors: Munds, Stibbs & Co, Rickmansworth; Charles Russell & Co, Treasury Solicitor.

of section 8.

Law Report December 16 1977 Oueen's Bench Division Cypriot must return to face murder charge

Regina v Governor of Penton-ville Prison, Ex parte Ka<u>kis</u> Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park Justice, Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park

Kyriakos Mariou Kakis, a
Cypriot, falled to secure his
release from detendon pending
return to Cyprus on a charge of
murder in April, 1973. The Divisional Court, which refused an
application for a writ of habeas
corpus directed to the governor
of Pentouville Prison where Mr
Kakis had been detained but had
been released on bail, rejected
submissions that his return would
be contrary to sections 4(1) and
8(3) of the Fugitive Offenders
Act, 1967.

Section 4(1) provides: "A
person shall not be returned...
if it appears ... (a) that the
offence ... is an offence of a
political character ..." Section
8(3) provides that the court may
order the person to be discharged
if "(b) by reason of the passage
of time since he is alleged to have

of time since he is alleged to have committed ft . . . it would, having regard to all the circumstances, he unjust or oppressive to return him? him".
Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and
Mr Leonard Kershaw for the appli-cant; Mr Michael Nelizan for the
Government of the Republic of
Cyprus; Mr Harry Woolf as

amicus curiae.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the applicant and Georghios Foriou were members of different political organizations in Cyprus. There was obviously bad blood between the organizations. On April 5, 1973, Fotion was shot in the streets. After an immediate investigation warrants were Issued for inter alice the applicant for, inter alios, the applicant.

The applicant, who knew that the warrant had been issued, took to the hills. Not until July, 1974, when there was a coup which

Much had been made of the permit during argument. It illustrated that some branch of the Cyprus government was prepared to see the applicant leave the country notwinstanding that the warrant was still in existence.

He had since virtually stayed in London. He went back to Cyprus on what seemed to have been a holiday. Nobody prevented him from emering or leaving. In July, 1975, he was back in England preparing to stay permanently.

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In July, 1975, there was an inquest in Cyprus into the causes of Georghios Fotiou's death and a further warrant was issued in refurther warrant was issued in respect of the applicant. It was backed up by extradition proceedings brought at the instance of the Cyprus government. The crucial date to remember in relation to the institution of those proceedings was that they began on February 11, 1976, when the Attorney General of Cyprus first moved.

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Mr Blom-Cooper's first argument was that the killing was of a political character within section 4(1)(a). Halsbury's Laws of England (vol 18 4th ed 1977 p88 para 217) said that "There is no exhaustive definition of 'an offence of a political character'. The crime must be incidental to and form part of a political upheaval, committed by the fugitive offender as part of an organized political party contending for power with the established government." That correctly expressed the law.

ressed the law. In R v Governor of Brixton Prison. Ex parte Schtraks ([1964] AC 556, 590) Lord Radcliffe em-phasized the fact that it was not enough for there to be bad blood between two individuals. It was recognized that the one side necessary that, on the one side, there should be the state and that the individual should be "at

odds with the state " His Lordship could find north ing in the papers properly before the court which would justify the couclusion that the offence was an offence of a political character within section 4 and in line with the authorities summarized Halsbury.

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En passant reference had been made no the onus of proof, but nothing had been said about it which could not be said about almost any other form of litigation in this country. The court had to survey the whole of the material provided, and Mr Blom-Cooper's first proposition failed.

The second major question arose under section 8. The deputy Attorney General of Cyprus had depoted that, from April, 1973, to July, 1974, the applicant was in hiding and could not be found. From July, 1974, to February 11, 1976, the Attorney General of Cyprus considered that it would not be in the public interest to begin proceedings against the begin proceedings against the applicant because the abnormal situation prevailing in Cyprus, as a result of the coup and the Turkish invasion, did not at that Turidsh invasion, did not at that time permit prosecution of persons who had participated in the coup, such as the applicant, for any offence committed before the coup. That anitude was dictated by the need for pacification pending the healing of the wounds caused by the coup and the invasion and until the complete dismanting of any remaining dismanting of any remaining group of participants in the coup. What section 8(3) contemplated was passage of time rather than delay. Passage of time was not to be regarded as a bar to the

return of a person unless it would, having regard to all the circum-stances, be unjust or oppressive to return him. R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Narang ([1977] 2 WLR 862) was helpful because it indicated the extent to which blameworthiness relating to the

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Macarthys Ltd v Smith

A person claiming under the Equal Pay Act, 1970. Is entitled to compare her situation with that of a former employee, the Employment Appeal Tribunal said when dismissing an appeal by Macarthys Ltd, of Romford, Essex, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that Mrs. don industrial tribunal usa. Wendy Smith, a stockroom manageress, was entitled to pay equal to that of the previous manager stockroom, Mr

of the McCullough. MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that Mr McCallough left his job on October 20, 1975. Mrs Smith became trainee manageress on Jr mary 12, 1976, and manageress

on March 1, 1976. The Appeal Tribunal took the

view that it was permissible to comparison of Mrs Smith's situa tion with that of a former employee. That would be in accordance with the Appeal Tribunal's settled approach to the Act—construing and applying it so that it would work in practice. In any case except one where the interval between the employ-ments was short an industrial tribunal confronted with such a tribunal confronted with such a claim should proceed with caution. The ordinary case, and the case in which in the Appeal Tribunal's judgment justified giving the Act a liberal construction, was that where shortly afterone employee left another came, did the same work but was remunerated at a lower rate.

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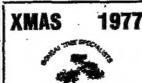
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Somerset, I craved the Trollogian scene not for of a Golden Age. Of course, I wanted the incidentals too, the bells across the close, the fine old ladies taking tea beneath college rowing groups featuring at stroke, their uncle the late Precentor, I wanted the catch a glimpse of the Organist and Choirmaster, pulling his device, or they were hastily gown over his shoulders as be erected when in 1338, the cenhurried across to evensons. But like many other romantics. all over the western world. I hungered really for the hierarchal certainty of the old England, that amalgam of faith, diligence, loyalty, independence and authority which Trollope mischievously enshrined in the legends of his little city. At least Wells looks impeccarom the spooky heights of tendip, haunted by speliolosts and Roman snails, it lies tere in the lee of the hills infinitely snug and wholesome. where near. It is 14 miles to e nearest railway station. though Wells has been a city mos the tenth century, it is hardly more than an mple village, durifully assemiled around the towers of the athedral: and though beyond

ts accept is homely Somerset, and its aspect rubicund. in no time at all I had glimpses of surplices, shaded found myself a room, low-lamps, anthem sheets and beamed and flower-patterned, musical motions within. It was the Crown Hotel overlooking the Market Square, where only by self-consciously sum-rivulet swims invoidly down the gutter past the old town con-cust: and hardly less promptly, at happened, I found in heavenly orbit, the Dean, week fined £2 for parking too in heavenly orbit, the Dean, week fined £2 for parking too is canons, the musicians and a handful of devoted worship. iyself fined £2 for parking too ing outside Penniless Porch. rough whose squinted archritual. way the green of the precinct ad too soon entired me, and : bove whose tower the great rey mass of the cutbedral self looked benignly down; mon warden and miscream

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The Dean of Wells is a very busy man indeed. He showed me his diary, and it was chock--block—even Thursday, resolutaly marked as his day off, was. abbled into by a meeting of the Judge's Lodgings Commitlee. It seemed more the life of impresario than a cleric, tentre, partly a concert half, Partly a tourist attraction, and di jucorporating an unrivalled indeniably medieval statuary, vas trembling away : the conwo for its decay than for suvival, and added a new. mension to the life of the ery Reverend the Dean.

It crossed my mind, indeed, ins of restoration, that the theoral's chief function had

socked and umbrella'd, gazing west doors there stands a superannuated Victorian pillarbox, painted bright blue, for the acceptance of contributions, and hardly a week seems. inverted arches of the nave

tral tower lurched twelve out of true). But no, the Dean reassured me over lunch, the true focus. of cathedral life remained the daily services which, however infinitesimal tion are held now as always in the panelled seclusion of immemorial functions of the cathedral continue, each with its titular chiefe the Baron of the exchequer, the Chancellor, the Master of the Fabric, the Communal, the presides over the Quinque Personne of his Chapter. The Priest-Vicars, the Lay-Vicars, the Canons Residential, the vergers, the 21 choristers—all are there to offer their and energies to the daily mation of the faith.

I took him at his word, and went that afternoon to eventone may see the arcane song: or rather, like nearly bumps and declivities of the everybody else in sight, there is loitered about the interior of othing very mystical to one's the cachedral while evensong irst impression of the place. proceeded beyond the parrow is homely somerest entrance of the choir—allowing me, from the dimmer recesses of the nave, suggestive magical. The rest of the great pers performed their evening

The anthem was S. S. Wesley's Thou Wilt Keep Him, among the most lyrical in the repertoire, and it was touching to see how many of the tourists leant in silence against pillors, or paused thoughtfully in their decipherment of epi-Almost at once, too, I met taphs, as the sweet melody the Dean, actually in the sounded through the half-light.

badow of the Porch. Eton, Can I go and meet Daddy. badow of the Porch. Eton, "Can I go and meet Daddy," now?" I beard a voice say from the cathedral shop, near the was not hard to identify. In the cathedral, I later discoered, they call him "Father likchell", a disconterting well). "He's bound to be down from the loft by usage to one of my purposes, the voluntary having fasted the voluntary having fasted." but I certainly could not com-plain about his authenticity and presently the Organist and our Bean. With a spiendid con-Choirmaster, his wife, his two set there on the beggars' bench, ably before a fire in Vicars' watching the citizenry pass. Close, the exquisite double row by—"Good morning, good of 14th century bouses, which roms away to the north of the morning! Lovely day! What a Chapter House, (and which is success sectorlay—what mould chapter House, (and which is successed to the control of the con Success yesterday—what would the only part of the Wells we have done without you? cathedral preciect properly contains Simon! Morning conted the Close. Here was Barchester all right! An Oxford print hung above the fire our content of the content oxford print hung above the fireplace; a cat luxurizted on the hearth; books, musical instruments, edibles and Cinzano were all equally to hand. "Aren't we hucky?" said the children. "Don't we live in a lovely place? Isn't this a lovely house? We tidied it all up specially for you!"

It was by no means the only musical house in the neighbourhood, for the cathedral precinct of Wells, if it some-times suggests show business. fand this is because a cathedral and often package tours, some mowadays is far more than just times feels like one gigantic a shrine, but is partly a social conservatoire. Muffled from within the cathedral walls, any hour of the day, one may bear in the case of Wells, very lar through the open doors come rely a National Concern. A few snarches of Thou Will Keep ars ago it was realized that Him. From old grey houses he wast front of Wells Cathed around the green sound the treasure of the string quarter, allery of not very exciting but of Czerny. Hardly has the Organist and Choirmaster finished one performance than equent appeal, launched by an he is up there again with his change firm of professional choristers, high in their madicprealers, suddenly made less Porch, rehearsing Wood in val practice room behind Pennilike Venice, better C Minor for the following day. If faith is the reason for

Wells, music is its most obvious diligence. Wells Cathedral School is one of the Crossed my mind, indeed, ing specialist education for biquimus were the symp musically gifted children is of restoration, that the tracing its origins to a Song School of the thirteenth censtates that function had tury, while the music of the silding itself, clouded with professional. I much enjoyed Molding, tap-taps with the this feeling of disinterested

suppose than micrasticism or medianion—and more ecceptable actually, one might think, to the sort of gods I myself therish, the gods of the stones and the lavender, than to the Christian divinity to whom it

Thought you said you ouldn't draw" the children

fully augment the citizenry's sense of community or com-

an associated with Wells Carhedral, first as choirboy, then as mason, since 1933, and there is hardly an inch of the fabric that he bad not

sept. It is claimed to possess the oldest working clock-face in Europe: whenever it strikes the hour four little horsemen. while a dead-pan character called Jack Blandiver, sitting stiffly on his seat high on a

hits one bell with a and kicks two more

of the carbodral through a prohibited aperture. His father did it before him, the enclosure of somewhere in the masonry and his son will doubtless follow, and old stone so discovered for himself the and never was a labour more lery high above the chancel, looking through the inverted

> ship! What precision! Look at those cogs! Feel how easily the handle turns! (There are three separate movements to be up each morning, iron handle, and risher is not averse to his visitors helping with the work.) I caught his mood at once, and found the experience there, so rich in old wood and dressed stone, with thet elab-orate gleaming mechanism

owed me down a little shaft the circular platform on every quarter of an ? You can't expect them to

In a curious way, I felt, the cathedral was more the property of the Town than of the Close. Bishops, Deans and Canons come and go (only three Deans have gone on to be Bishops of Bath and Wells), the traders who bring their yans and stalls to Wells Marvans and stalls to ...

ket every week—these people live all their lives in the presence of the great building, and must feel it to be part of their very selves. Wells has its church their very selves. Wells has its own magnificent parish church of St Cuthbert, often mistaken by the tourists for the cathedral itself. It has a substantial landed interest and some thriv ing small industries. But still ancient presence beyond Penni-

the Close, I went to see the newspaper editor. Like nearly everything in Wells, his office is only a step or two from the cathedral, almost opposite the Star (and just up the road from the King's Head which crack buildings are for the moment in high Street, all ramshackle and disjointed, like the kitchen quarters of some dilapidated mansion. How knowingly, I thought, those Linotypes chartered! What intrigues, vendettas and in-nuendos had found their way through those presses, during the 128 years in which the Wells Journal has kept its eye in partially on precinct and market place!

market place!

Ha yes, said the editor wryly. There was never a shortage of gossip in Wells, or controversy either. They were an independent sort, the Wellensians. Why, I should have heard the fuss when the Bishop took to cuiding the wild duck in his most by shooting them out of his window! Or when they built those dreadful new canons' houses, all trendy streaked concrete, behind the Old Deanery! Oh, yes, Wellensians often resented the airs of the clergymen Up There; though it was not strictly true though it was not strictly true that the precinct was walled in defence against the assaults of the townspeople, often enough it felt like it.
The Alderman vehemently

agreed — the controversial Alderman, everyone called him, who turned out to be a fiery Welshman, bred by the Parachute Regiment out of the Swansea valleys, whose passions of the statement of the statement of the same of th sionately conservationist views during his period as Mayor had led him into bitter conflict with the cathedral. Vividly he recalled those old affrays for me. Had he not threatened to take the Dean to court when he chopped down the Mulberry Tree? Did he not lead the opposition to those frightful cononical houses? Was it not who instructed his Council, when the Bishop was late for a civic function, to take their seats without his Lordship?

The Alderman clearly loves a fight, and I rather wished he was engaged in one just then so that I could see the sparks fly for myself. But no, though he spoke to me movingly of an erroneous new sewage scheme, all was quiet in Wells just then. There had been a new Bishop and a new Dean since his day, Wells no longer had a Mayor, and most of the local government functions had been taken away to Shepton Mallet. He sounded rather disappoint. ed, and so was I; for Barchester is not Barchester, after all. without a battle on its hands. Or, for that matter, without

that I felt my pilgrimage had land I am just old enough to failed. Faith I had certainly remember, I missed the purple found in Wells, diligence, swagger and the swank.

Swagger and the swank.

Swagger and the swank. authority, of an established order unbreakable and and supreme, which is essential to the Romantic view of England, is lost with the winds of social historical necessity. from Simla or Singapore. In Trollope's allegories that

As it happens the Bishop's most its own castellated walls the flank of the cathedral, looking across green fields into spectacle. Duck of many varieties puddle its most, and the been restocked and retrained for the exercise. The palace isself stands grandly around its yard, with a huge pillared refectory, and a fine library, and a private chapel—in which, within living memory, daily choral services were held for the Pichen his family and for the Bishop, his his servants.

But alas, no majestic awful Mrs Proudie greeted at the palace door. Nobody all, for the Bishop of Bath and Wells now lives only in the north wing of the structure, the rest being devoted to couferences and other useful acti-vities. Gone are the days when the Bishop and his family ate all alone in splendour in the surveyed by a giganite gilded mitre above the fireplace. Gone are those daily services approach to the episcopal pre-sence, never to be forgotten by curates of long ago, when after treading the long stately corridors of the palace, through the dark gallery lined with portraits of earlier prelates, they imidly opened the door of the great study to discover his Lordship, against a serried background of theological treatises, tremendously at his labours.

The Bishop himself recalled

that vanished consequence for me. Now he and his distinctly un-Proudean wife live more un-Proudean wife live more modestly, more sensibly no doubt, more Christianly I suppose, but undeniably less impressively in their nicely done-up wing. His new study, furnished in pale woodwork by the Church Commissioners, unexpectedly emblazoned, around the tops of its bookcases, with a text not from Leviticus or the Sermon on the Mount, but from King Alfred. His visitors book, when I signed it, contained on the Mount, but provides the marriage of the contained on the marriage. the previous page the signa-ture of Peter O'Toole, His car is a Rover—" such a blessing when you've overtaking on our narrow Somerset roads". This is a very modern, very functional bishopric.

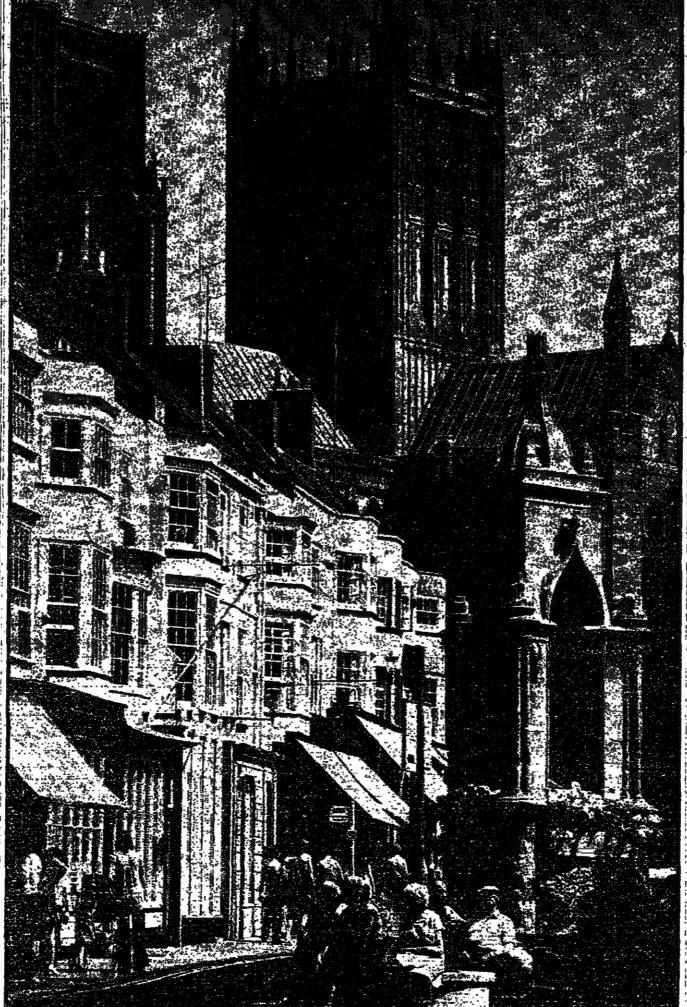
For here at the core the time have executed.

times have overtaken Barchester. The majesty has left the palace. Crowds of people throng to those conference rooms, taking their cafeteria luncheous on canteen tables in the undercroft (where the gilded mitre looms large as ever, but anomalous). Often ever, but anomalous). Often the gardens are open to the public, and at any time of day sightseers are to be observed hanging over the gate which, inside the great gutehouse above the most, inadequately

(no my mind) asserts the privacy of the bishopric.
Nobody could represent these changes more persuasively than the present Bishop and his wife, who sit in their modest private corner of the gardens, as a Bishop and his lady should, relishing the green and the grey of it all, the long mellow line of their ancient wall, the sweep of the trees and the droop of the trumper vine, the Turneresque pile of the ruined banqueting hall, the silent towers of the cathedral beyond. But it is not the same. Atavist that I am, yearning sometimes from the austerity of Wales for some of the porgeous and beedless assurance that used to characterize our

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Weekend Broadcasting

TV CHOICE

The only really positive thing that one can say to the avid box watcher is that this weekend perhaps presages better things

Today
7.45 pm, BBC 2. BBC gets into the Christmas spirit ahead of
time by using the interval of The Barber to teach us how to
cook Tournedos Rossini. The before and afters are worth wardning also. 8 pm. ITV. If, on the other hand, you saw Lively Arts's

8 pm. 1TV. It, on the other hand, you saw Livery Arts's offering the first time around, you may, like me, choose the breathtaking Circus World Championships. Certainly a good ploy for som-bedloving children.

11.15, ITV. Not a bed way to end tonight is Filmharmonic '77. Some of the twentieth-century's most lasting music has been composed for film and relevision. Here is a chance to compare. Tomorrow 1.30 pm, ITV London. James Street-Porter in The London Weekend Show investigates what is one of the world's

most powerful potential influences : lesbianism. But why during

Junch ? 6.15 pm, ITV. Yorkshire opens the Christmas batting for ITV with an Easter Offering, Part I of Messiah—but no less acceptable for being out of time.

9-pm, BBC 2. In this weekend of spy-watching and spy-suspecting, what better than The Lively Arts's look at the greatest master of them all: Mr Len Deighton? What's more, it is one of Melvyn Bragg's positively last appearances on the non-profitmaking channel. 11.20 pm, ITV London. It is hard to see why The London Programme is a London-only programme, especially when it characteristically tackles a meany subject like subsidizing the National Theatre. If in eyeshot, worth switching to.

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RADIO

1 6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 5.03. Racing bulletin. 8.06. Ed Stewart.† 19.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm. Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31. Rock and Roll.† 6.30. Sight and Sound in Concert, Alberto y Lost Trios Paranolas.† 7.30. Top Tunes.† 8.15, Acker's 'All 'Our.† 8.45, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.10, Wally Whyton.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.04, Ray Moore.†12.31-12.32 am, News.† Stereo.

6.00 am, Radio 1. 10:02, Teddy Johnson, 12:02 pm, Two's Best.; 1.02, Albert and Me. 1.30-5.53, Sport, including League and Cup Special; Racing at Ascot; Rugby, Final England trials; Show Jumping; Cricket Special; 5:00, Sports Report, 6:03, European Pop Jury, 7:02, Morecambe and Wise, 7:30-13.

12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.55 am, Weather, 8.06, News, 8.05, Leopold Mozart, Vivaldi, Mozart, Boccherini, Johann Strauss. 9.06, News, 9.05, Record Review. 10.15, Stereo Release: Grieg. 1 10.45, Robert Mayer Concert: Rossial, Mozart, Corelli, Cimaros. 1.2.02 pm. John Amis. 1 12.55, News, 1.00, Mozart Serenades. 2.00, Man of Action: Sir Geoffrey Howe. 1 3.35, Strauss, Mahler. 1.00, Mozart Requests. 5.45, Critics Forum, 6.33, Piano recital: Franck, Debussy. 7.30, Christmas Concert from Vinchester Cathedral, part 1: Schutz, Gabrieli. 1 8.15, Reading. 8.25, Concert, part 2: Tavener, Bach. 9.00, The Innocent Ear. 10.10, Hopkins translated, discussion with Professor George Steiner. 10.45, Derek Jewell. 1 11.25-11.30, News.

Jewell.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather.
7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm.
7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain.
7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.40, Today's Papers.
8.45, Yesterday in Parliament.
8.46, News. 10.02, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service.
8.100, News. 11.02. The Week in Westminster. 11.30, Science Now.
12.00, News. 12.02 pm, John Amis.
12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Royal Variety, 1975. 2.30, Play: The Night of the Ammo Trafu. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar?
8.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encurs. S.30, Week Ending.
5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island Discs. 6.50, Christmas poetry. 7.30, Christopher Grier, records. 8.30, Flay: Antique Farce. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News.
10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15, News. 11.08.

SUNDAY

1 6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 5.60, Playground. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 16.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.10, Elvis Presley Story. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.62, Albert and Me. 7.38, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 16.62, Sports Desk. 10.67, Softly Semimental.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.03, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News. † Stareo.

2 6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.64, Gospel concert.† 8.32, Radio 1. 10.03, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.63 pm, Family Favouries.† 2.02. Morecambe and Wise.† 2.30, The Songwriters, Oscar Rammerstein.† 3.30, Roy Orbison. 4.62, Charlie Chester.† 6.06, Radio 1. 7.62, Brain of Sport, Grand Final. 7.36-12.33 am, Radio 1.

7.39-9.55 am, Cricket: First Test (m/t only). 7.55, Weather. 8.09, News. 8.05, Mozart and the Violin Sonata, 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Schutz, Cherubini,

Sonata.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Schutz, Cherubini, Schubert, Schumann.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, The Esyreuth Ring: Gotterdammerung, Act 1.† 1.25 pm., Words. 1.30, Alistair Cooke's Jazz.† 2.00, Piano recipal: Bratims.† 2.15, Gotterdammerung, Act 2.† 3.25, Talking About Music.† 3.55, Gotterdammerung, Act 3.† 5.20, Wilde at Work, by Owen Dudley Edwards. 5.45, Journal de Mes Melodies.† 7.05, Lancelot and Guinevere, dramatization. from Malory.† 9.00, Colin Horsley (piano): Debussy, Berkeley.† 9.45, Belief One, jazzrock setting by Neil Ardley of poem by Patrick Huddie.† 10.05, Sarlatti and Boccherini.† 10.35, Stefan Heym and the Search for Truth, by Dr Peter Rutchinson. 10.55, Cello and plano: Foulenc. 11.25-11.30, News.

THE WEEK'S FILMS

Screen International returns briefly with Milady: (tonight, BBC 2, 10.20) a film which reveals a brighter side of the calent of Francois Leterrier than Goodbye Emmanuelle. It is the story of a cavalry officer's obsessive devotion to his horse with tour de The BBC's Vincente Minnelli season continues, and today presents opposed facets of his career. Under the Clock (BBC2, 3.05 pm) was a charming, delicate and only slightly sloppy story of a whirlwind Second World War romance, made in 1945 with Judy Garland and Robert Welker. Two Weeks in Another Town

(tomorrow, BBC1, 7.15) look a very flat-footed effort, however devoted you may be to the songs. Otherwise the week is strong on nostalgia. Tomorrow (BBC1, 1.55) there is George Cukor's David Copperfield, a classic adaptation which without being rlavishly literal caught the whole essence of the work. It was Freddie Bartholomew's first big success and was W. C. Field's unforgettable, authentically Dickensian Micawber. On Thursday (BBC1, 2 pm) you can see one of the best Danny Kaye vehicles. Wonder Man (1945), which as usual gives him a schizophrenic dual role, this time as a bookish fellow and the ghost of his songand-dance-man brother. Lassie Come Home (Friday, BBC1, 1.30 pm) was Lassie's debut and the second screen appearance of 12-year-old Elizabeth Taylor, supported by great old character players like Dame May Whitty, Edmund Gwenn and Elsa Lanchester. A season of Elvis Presley revivals starts on Thursday (BBC1, 11 am) with the 1963 Fun in Acapulco (Elvis as a trapeze artise running away from himself) and on Friday (BBC1, 1.55 pm) King Creole, a 1958 "youth" film which was an early Harold Robbins adaptation. Coming a little more up to date, it will be interesting to see how Bonnie and Clyde (Friday, BBC1, 1.005 pm), which launched the Sixties craze for period gangster movies and established a new level of screen violence, looks after a decade.

David Robinson

force performances by the stone-faced Jacques Dufilho and a hand-Judy Garland and Robert Welker. Two Weeks in Another Town (BBC2, 11.30) is the sort of over-heated melodrama they liked around 1960, with Kirk Douglas as a movie star in Rome (it was the great era of Hollywood in Europe) trying to recover from divorce, alcoholism, professional failure and a nasty car crash. It is occasionally fun for the movie background and for Edward G. Robinson; but Douglas has a better chance with Lust for Life (tomorrow, BBC2, 10.15 pm), Minnelli's surprisingly sensitive 1956 biopic of Van Gogh. On Thursday there is An American in Paris (BBC2, 7.10 pm), one of the peaks of the great era of Minnelli-Gene Kelly musicals, climaxed by the great dream sequence which remains one of the outstanding accomplishments of film ballet.

It certainly makes Norman Jewison's Fiddler on the Roof

5.35 Baan Brush. .

Street. 8.20 The Two Rounies.

9.05 Starsky and Hutch.

7.25 The Duchess of Duke

10.05 Match of the Day Special.

11.20 Parkinson, with Sir Alec Guinness,

6.05 Dr Who.

9.55 News.

BBC 2

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11.45 News.

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9.00 am. A Big Country 'T', 9.30. ATV. 12.30 bm, Lendon. 9.30, ATV.

12.20 am, Weather.

SATURDAY TV London Weekend

BBC 1 9.15 am, Bagpuss. 9.30, Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.45, 1.20, 1.50, 2.25, Rac-8.55 am, Junior Police 5, 9.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film: Carry on Admiral (1956), with David Tomhisson.* 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Ice Hockey from North America. 1.10. ing from Ascot; 1.00, 2.05, Badminton, Ladbroke Trophy Tourna-ment; 1.35, 2.35, 3.50, Table Ten-News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Nortingham; 1.45, Catterick; 2.00, Nortingham; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, nis, Goddard Finance International Invitation Tournament; 3.00, 4.20, Show Jumping, Radio Rentals Top Nottingham; 2.45, Catterick; 2.30, Nottingham; 2.45, Catterick; 3.00, Nottingham, 3.10, World of Sport's Greatest Hits. 3.50, Half-time Round-Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service. 5.05, FA Cup Score. 4.40, Final Score; 5.05, FA. Cup Draw. 5.10, Tom and Jerry. 5.20 News. .

5.20 News. 6.30 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game. 5.30 Man from Adantis. 6.30 New Faces. 7.30 Sale of the Century. 5.00 The Circus World Chem-

pionships. 9.30 Film: Risko (1976), with Gabriel Dell. 10.30 News. A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. 10.45

11.15 Filmharmonic 77, charity concert with Sir Richard Anenborough, John Addi-son, Dominic Frontiere, Bob Sharples: Regional variations (SEC 1):
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10.35-11.30, One More Time. NORTH-ERN 1182LAND.—3.10-4.00 pms.
Handry Ulgert a Northern 2.00-5.16,
Scoreboard. 5.30-5.35, Northern 20BBC Northern 3-12.15 am, Police Surgeon (r). 12.45 Epilogue. (r) Répeat.

ATV 3.05 pm, Film : Under the Cleck, 9.00 am. The Inventors. 9.30, Tiswis. 12.30 pm, London. 9.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 19.30-12.15 am, London. with Judy Garland, Robert Walker, 4.35, Play Away, 5.05, Horizon 2002. 6.99, Open Door:

The Other Cinema. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert, with Alberto y Southern 9.00 am, London, 12,20 pm, Week-end, 12,30; London, 9,30 Police Woman, 10,30, London, 12,15 am, Southern News 12,20, Weather, Epilogue. 7.45 The Lively Ares—in Performance: The Barber of Seville, opera by Rosaimi, with Orchestra and Chorus of La Scala, Milan.

Film: Milady, with Jacques Granada 9.15 am, Master Golf. 9.46, Last of the quiet Islands. 10.30, Sessume Street. 11.30, Voyage to the Bot-tom of the Sea. 12.36 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Man from Arlands. 7.30, Seaks to the Land. 8.00, London. 9.36, Southern. 10.30, London. 11.45, Russell Harty. 12.45-1.15 am, Police Sur-seon. 11.50-1.35 am, Film: Two Weeks in Another Town, with Kirk Douglas; Edward G. Robin-son, Cyd Charlese.

A MS arm. Moster Go'! 8.35. ATV 12.30 bm. London. 5.30. The Net 7.30. London. 9.30. The Net Avengers. 10.30-12.15 am. London MTV CYMRU/WALE: As MTV socrap 5.30 pm, The Practice. 6.00-6.30, The pampats. Yorkshire 1.00 mm, Rolf Harris, 9.30, The New preshal Wondar Woman, 10.45, Publy Paniom, 11.15, Calendar Kids, 12.00, (appy 1878, 12.50, London, 5.30, (appy 1878, 12.50, London, 5.30, Film; (1978), With Jun Brown, Burt Reynolds, Raqual Weich, 10.30, News, 10.45, 100 Rifes, part 2, 11.45-12.45, Imharmond; "17.

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SUNDAY TV London Weekend

BBC 1

3.00 am, Playboard. 9.15, Sunday
Gang. 9:40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10-10.25, Parost. 11.40. On
the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15
pm. Sunday Worship from St.
John's Church, Waterloo Road.
1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker.
1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film of
the Book: David Copperfield, with
Freddie Bartholomew. W. C.
Fleids.* 4.00, Olympia International Show Jumping Champiouships.
4.50, The Osmonds.
5.20 News.
5.20 News.
5.21 Royal Heriuge, Edward VII
and the House of Windsor.
6.40 Songs of Praise. Christmas
at Clare.
7.15 Film: Fiddler on the Roof,
with Topol, Norma Crane,
Loenard Frey, Molly Picon,
Paul Mann.
10.10 News.
10.20 Everyman. Buckfast Abbey.
11.05 News.
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10.10 News.
10.20 Everyman, Buckfast Abbey.
11.05 Film 77.
11.40 Weather.
11.20 London black and white. 12.20 am, Epilogue,

Regions varietions (REC 1): 89C WALES.—1.85 pm. The Orwood Inst. with Rod Taylor, 2.40-4.00. Sports Line-Up, Rugby, Cwallyarell v Fontypool: highlights of France 8 v Wales S. 4.50-5.20, Campus 1 10.55-11.40, Y Physia. BBC 2

BBC 2
3.15 pm, Money Programme: Norway and the Common Market 3.50, Arena: Cinema, The Deep. 4.20, Book Programme, interview with Yvonne Dunleavy. 4.50, Rugby, Inter-divisional Finais. 5.56, The Long Search: Loose Ends. 6.40 News Review. 7.15 The World About Us: The Hoyse from the Gods.
8.05 News.
8.10 Benomi and Rosa, part 3.
9.00 The Lively Arts. Len Deighton interview, and two dramatizations.
10.15-12.15 am, Film: Lust for Life, with Kirk Douglas.

Westward

Anglia 8-30 sm, London, 11.30, Elephant Boy (r), 12.00, ATV, 1.00 sm, Woody-Key, 1.25, Washin: 1.30, Favring, 2.00, Mains of the Work, 1.30, Favring, 2.00, Mains of the Work, 1.30, See 1.30, London, 11.20, Russell Hard, 12.30, London, 11.20, Russell Hard, 12.30, London, 11.30, Russell Hard, 12.30, am, The Bother Product. Yorkshire

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11.26 London Programme.

ATV

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9.30 am, To the Top. 10.00, Morning Worship. 11.00, All About
Bables (r). 11.25, Captain Nemo.
11.30, Untamed Frontiers. 12.00,
Weekend World: 1.00 pm, Space
1939. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00,
Film: Cast a Giant Shadow, with
Kirk Doughas, Senta Berger, Angle
Dickinson. 5.35, London. 7.45,
Film: The Moving Target, with
Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall,
10.00, London. 11.20, Andy. 11.5012.20 am, Kreskin (r).

Southern -S.O. am, Master Golf. 9.30, Sport for All. 10.00, ATV. 11.27, Westher. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Tandarra. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film: The Red Shoes, with Moira Shearer. 5.30, Southern News. 5.35, London. 7.45, Film: The Moiry Maguires, with Richard Harris. 10.00, London. 11.20, Pro-Celebrity Shooker. 12.05 am, Bygones. 12.35, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.40 am, The Beatles. 10.00, ATV. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV. 1.90 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Space 1999. 2.10, Kick-off March. 3.20, Film: State Fair. 5.35, London. 7.15, Muppet. 7.45, Film: Goodbye Charlie, with Tony Curtis. 10.00, London. 11.20, Baretn. 12.15-12.40 am, Railrodder, with Buster Keaton.

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11.25-11.30, News.

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7.10 am, Apna Ri Ghar Sawajhiye.

7.40, Bells. 7.45, Reading. 7.50,

Sunday Papers. 7.55, Weather.

8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday 8.45,

Appeal, St Martin-in-the-Fields

Caristmas Fund. 8.50, Sunday

Papers. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News.

9.10, International Assignment.

9.30, Service from Wesley Place.

Methodist Church. Alsapar. Cheshire. 10.15, Miscellany. 11.00, Local

Time. 11.30, Money Box. 12.06,

Not Now, Pin Listening. 12.40 pm.

Letter from America. 12.55,

Weather. 1.00, News. 1.40, James

Galway. 2.00, Gardeners' Question

Time. 2.30, Play: The Heiress.

4.00, News. 4.02, Talking About

Antiques. 4.30, The Living World.

5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your

Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News.

6.15, The Archers. 7.15, Service in

preparation for the Christmas

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DAVID WADE

So much attention turned upon the Greek Alexandrian poet, C. P. Cavafy, might suggest an anniversary of some kind, but his dates—1863 to 1933—rule that out; this was not one of those resurrections conscien-tiously undertaken because after 100 years it is the decent thing at least to have a look and see whether the judgment implied in all that time of relative obscurity deserves to be reversed. In any case, Cavaly's poetry already has a reputation, if not as yet a very wide one; both the week's programmes about him seemed to have been built out of a conviction in their makers' minds that the reputation was deserved and that, when they heard about it, the listeners would think so to. Did they make their point?

much to offer a biography-Cavafy's life was pretty uneventful—as to convey the way in which he say the world. This was done with his poetry and with narration and sound effect and the estimates of some eminear contemporaries: Forster's arresting description, "A Greek gentleman in a straw hat standing absolutely motionless at a slight angle to the universe" provided the title for a pra-gramme which was never less than beguiling although I am not sure that at its end I could have told you very much about the subject of it. Features are often put together mosaic fashio one for in series of its good one for, in spite of its bitty construction, nothing is pictorially more informative and unambiguous than mosaic. Applied to sound, however, the technique tends to produce a soft impressionistic effect and it did so here. It created a coloured ambience within which to hear the selection of Cavafy's poetry which followed the next evening and if that is what a feature ought to do, it did it

However, having heard this second programme, The Walls and the Visions (producer Hallam Tempson) it seems to me that Cavary is a poet more than capable of creating by his own work all the ambience he needs. This was poetry of the most vivid quality which, as John Theocharis (now in the role of Greek and English reader) pointed out, made its effect by being spare spare of metaphor, spare of inversion, space of abstraction, space even of the ubiquitous adjective, By this means it incised itself deftly onto the renns of the mind's eye. Mr Theocharis, having a strong spare voice with just a touch to it of the Levant, did nothing to blur the image.

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readable. Sound of it for the unpreenth sound of the week was a version by Augsburg) are mpring and failJohn Wells with music by Carl ing to get together a perform-

Davis of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Ian Cotterell directed and obtained some ance of the "Trout" Quinter. We hear them mangling it; occasionally we hear it in directed and obtained some quite remarkable, almost palpable, effects—particularly of growing and shrunking, but I ahead of me. I thought it was a good idea, I thought it had of music and lyrics added enying to Carroll except length. I wish Mr Cotterell could have of music and lyrics added enything to Carroll except length.

I wish Mr Cotterell could have been left to work on a more straightforward adaptation.

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Also noticeable for length was a leading Austrian writer, Thomas Bernhard, which remarks the strangential and round and round.

Bernhard, which revealed a In case I should go on and good deal about itself simply round, I will now be curt: the from its cast list. There were sad news that Lifelines is to be In case I should go on and sad news that Lifelines is to be five characters: Ringmaster, Juggler, Lion Tamer, Clown, Ringmaster's granddaughter. Clearly this was to be the World-as-Circus and so it turned reduced and banished to some remote and lifeless planet comes as no surprise, but if Ian McIntyre wishes to demon-Ian McIntyre wishes to demonstrate that he can recognize good programmes (Village Prospects, East-West, In Your Own Time and others) he will be quick to grab for Radio 4 the talents that made them. I thought a short play called the talents that made them. I thought a short play called The Angel in the Wellies one of the feeblest I have ever thought a short play called heard, only excusable and then the feeblest I have ever thought a short play the feeblest I have ever thought a short play the feeblest I have ever thought a short play the feeblest I have ever thought a short play the feeblest I have ever the feeble heen and will be tomorrow when inevitably and by the heard, only excusable and then barely if its producer, Alfred Bradley, can swear he is note. ing a ralent not visible in this

performance and as music. On no account deny yourself Hi-Fi News 40-76662

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(himself a Greek of Alexandria)

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A Sutherland jubilee

Maria Stuarda

Covent Garden

William Mann This year Jose Sufferland cele-braies her silver publice as a Covent Garden singer. She does so by giving the Royal Opera House its first performance of Domzent's Maria Stuarda, an opera nowadays so favoured and familiar that you are surprised to read of no production here in the nineteenth century, or indeed until 1966 at Camden Festival (only the fourth production this century). Nobody will wish to press a

connexion between our Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee and this opera which, for all its dramatic intensity and musical spleadour, presents the first Elizabeth as a particularly unpleasant person. Schiller's un-sympathetic portrayal of our beloved Gloriana had some hisparved corriand has some mo-mical basis, as Britten's much less fictional Coronation opera has shown. Donizetti's Regina, like Schiller's Königin, was semi-caricatured so as to con-trast strongly with the geutle, frail, Mary Queen of Scors, whom she cruelly put to a

martyr's death.

British loyalties are inclined to play down the villainy of Donizent's Elizabeth in this Donizerti's Elizabeth in thisopera (he buik three operas round her, not all so uncomplimentary), as John Copley somewhat did in his production of Mary Stuart for the English National Opera. It was a joint venture by London's two main opera companies, and has now appropriate agrees the old market expensed agrees the old market removed across the old market square to the Royal Opera House where it is given in the original Italian. At the Coli-seum Mary was a mezzo, Elizabeth a soprano, the muzzi being transposed, following old-fashioned practice, to fit the vocal redistribution, since Donizetti envisaged a soprano Maria and a mezzo-ish Elizabeth (the distinction between female voices was less rigid then than

now).

Covert Garden reverts to the traditional scheme, not least because Maria is Joan

With the Prospect Theatre Com-

pany's entrenchment at the Old Vic, there is likely to be increasing scope for any troupe that can commit itself to touring

good productions around neglected provincial dates; and the obvious candidate for this task is the new sadly depleted

It is easy to point to their iminished grant to explain heir decline: but without

having seen their first Round House production, Do You Love

Me, I wish there were more signs that they were fighting

back and asserting their own importance. A flexible, first-class actors collective is potentially of greater value now

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evening to recover.

King Charming

Players' Theatre

Ned Chaillet

hvans directs and plays the two

Christmas joys in London theatres are not confined to children, though a surprising number of good theatregoers

are apparently ignorant of the most charming and highly valid of adult delights. Every year the Players' Theatre unearth a pattomime from the reign of Good Queen Victoria and, preding it with come straight

Because the Players is a club,

with restaurant and a bar and tables among the seats where

rely on small advertisements in

year will discover that King

Charming, beautiful, powerful

and at least 300 years old, has

set his heart on marrying King

gainly daughter from a previous

Sutherland's role. But her royal sparring partner, here as always in the pest, is Huguette Tourangean from French Canada, who turns the Virgin Queen into a villainess of rivering melevolence. With the Earl of Leicester, whom she fancies but suspects of incoastancy, she is spiteful, eyes ablaze, lip arched in scorn. She faces Mary Stuart, in Schiller's Ben Trovato interview, with smirks and head-tossing, her orange hat raked frivolously, her artitude carelessly autocratic, her nar rassed trivolously, her attitude carelessly autocranc. her
riding-whip ever poised to
belabour her wretched royal
cousis. It is a tremendous performance capped by the selftorment of the next scene when
she has to sign the sentence.

Miss Tourangezu has the voice, as well as the physical personality, to carry this terrific characterization, the cavernous alto register miraculously sychromeshed to a bright,

Chasuble. He is far and away me best Chasuble I have seen: lacing the double meanings

with involuntarily phallic gest-ure, expressing clerical inno-cence through a maladroit gait

support role?

Huguette Tourangeau and Joan Sutherland easy, rasping top. The sense of malevolence is backed to the hilt by Richard Van Allen's gangsterish Cecil, a frowning Mephistophetean Zappa, every word and tone viper-tongued, the two of them enamate black clouds against Stuart Burrow's warm, amiable Leicester or David Ward's solicitous, benevolent Talbot.

lent Talbot.
The undisguised face of evil Mr Copley must have decided, best becomes Miss Sutherland's best becomes Miss Sutherland's Mary Stuart. She is fall, stately, infinitely volnerable, not really beautiful bur now far more handsome than in those days of girlish promise (Amelia, Agathe, Jenfier, then Evchen and the brilliant Gilda which presaged that starry first-Lucia). She began nervously on Thursday, with some rust on the clean thread of silvery tone, and some anxious intenation; some florid runs warmed up her instrument, after which

agility, smoothness, tenderness and bravado were able to exert themselves just as required. Having often complained of her monotrapus! monotonously languorous timbre, and slovenly consonants, things and stoventy consonants, it is a pleasure to declare that she was singing with a wide range of vocal colour and expression, enunciating clearly.

Photograph by Anthony Crickmen

Her husband, Richard, Bonyngs, hoed a difficult row on the conductor's rosarum, encountering trouble with ensemble, and with leavening the textures to avoid heaviness. Desmond Heeley's sets look less grand than at the Colliseum, his continues no less sylandid (Miss grand to an at the Conseum, his costimes no less splendid (Miss Sutherland used some of herown, too gaudy for the total effect). Mr Copley's production remains in good state: I am sorry that the court now watches the Queen's very private first monologue; the earlier solution was an unforcertably solution was an unforgettably convincing coup de theatre.

not about an individual; she was a nice girl, moulded like an

was a nice girl, moulded like an erotic dessert, but all she had to do was walk a bit and smile a bit, while a minor cast of truly appdling beauty-coblers simpered around her, hogged her uneasy limelight, and acced themselves silly every time a lens looked as though it might swivel their way.

The 'point about beauty queens is that hey are all amateurs; at I understand it, most of them are in it to schieve peace and understanding among the nations of the world and open junk-jewelry bouriques. The rayon cash is but a means to that moving end; perhaps if Miss Cardiff had actually worthe. United Kingdom crown,

think of few parallels for Premary's inclusion of party pieces for all. There is the

danger that the music will appear bewilderingly hectic in its shifts of emphasis, and that is indeed where the first and longest movement fails.

Each of the succeeding three

movements is more settled in style. The second is a choppy

allegro for winds and percussions; the third, inevitably in this fair-minded work, is essentially a piece for the strings, a

movement of winding stillness; and the finale chases itself

towards a joyous presto con-

recipe for a piece; my difficulty is with the ingredients. At different times

the music reminded me of Bartok and Berg, Britten and Tippett, Copland and Stravinsky. the list could be continued.

I suppose this demonstrates admirable openness of mind, but

it is at least disconcerting to encounter Lulu among the Appalachiaus, and it is unfortunate that the piece should have little personality of its own. Perhaps Premru the trombonist has played too much music, both classical and, yes, indeed, jazz.

All this makes a decent

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ceding it with some stylish music-hall turns, mounts a production which sparkles with hierary and musical burlesque. This season the vaults have yielded King Charming, a vielded King Charming, a fairy extravaganza" by J. R. Planche, first performed in of wine while they applied a song or hiss a villain, it may example the notice of those who the newspapers. Those who find their way to Villiers Street this Hemeckt's lovely daughter, Forma Henockt's Queen, Tyrana, means to offer her un-

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Soussio (Shirley Lee) is farthe most spectacular, transforming Jenny Till's King Chorming, a classical long-legged principal boy, into a bluebird for refusing to marry Troutina. If it were not for Troutina's mother, martiage to her might not be such a bad idea, for, as Sheila Steafel plays her, Troutina is constantly funny whether baring a shoulder to be alluring or simply walking off stage. But Charming's loyalty to Florina opens the way to operatic passions and song with melodies by Donizeni, Rossini, melodies by Donizeni, Rossini, Verdi and Mozart, and to some powerful singing to the blue-bird by Rosemany Ashe's Florina.
When the panto finally twists

its way to a happy end, through tortuous rayme and frequent thefts from Othello, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet and more of Romeo and Junet and more of Shakesoeare's plays, it can truly be said to have a moral: "It's no good fighting a good fairy/ they always win, these stories never vary." It is ingenious work, well-directed by Reginald Woolley, with fine Victorian scenery "and supernatural phanomena" by Mary Greaves. phenomena" by Mary Greaves, including particularly a laborin-thine whispering gallery which trails off into a deceiving third

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and well-meaning attempts to adapt his pulpit style to conversection, and negotiating Wilde's over scrupulous syntax with a delicacy that actually sounds like human speech. All the same, what is he doing in a Nothing else in the produc-tion remotely approaches his performance. But on the utility level the comedy works well

level the comedy works well enough once the plot mechanics have engaged. The two boys are nicely distinguished: and if Martin Connor's Algie is closer to Wooster than Wilde, he supplies a grinning, greedy foll to John Harding's John, an ineffably Victorian presence, shooting sly abrupt smiles from above his stuffed shart, and altogether suggesting a wellaltogether suggesting a well-bred penguin with a secret life. His appearance in deep mourn-ing gets the masterly second act

than it was four years ago, especially as the company has abundantly demonstrated what fine results it can produce. ing gets the masterly second act off to a cracking start.

The gets, likewise, are mevenly matched. Ann Hasson crucially misreads the invincible Cecily as boydenish on the strength of her country address: Gwendoline gets a perfectly composed reading from Rosse Kersiake who seems every inch the daughter of Ann Firbanks's regimentally correct Lady Bracknell. Both performances are right inside Wilde's joke, though both are on the small scale. The production incorporates some material from the four-act version. It would also have been nice to see the dunning solicitor. Gribsby from the longer text, but I understand that would have cost too much money. The present show is by no means a washour, but what a play to choose when you are hard up. Even on the stages of West Country arts centres, Stephanie Howard's right-angle wall, garnished with a bit of wan, garnished with a bit of cornicing and a few plastic biossoms, must have looked pretty denuded; dumped amid the desert wastes of the Round Rouse it deals the play a blow from which it takes half the

To expose such nonchalant essumptions of wealth in so impoverished a setting approaches theatrical suicide. Further evidence of the death wish comes with the casting. Of the entiring troups only two Of the original troups, only two ectors remain: Tenniel Evans and Edward Petherbridge. Mr Lifting the curtain on Soviet theatre, Sheridan Morley re-ports on a visit to Moscow with Trevor Nunn and Francesca butlers; Mr Petheridge takes the support part of Canon

-page 11. marriage, Troutina, and will stoop to subterfuge and magic to have her way.

In the battle of Fairies that ensures, the evil magic of Soussio (Shirley Lee) is far.

Choreographic

young choreographers there will again be a choreographic work-

The Big Time BBC 1

Alan Coren When previous aspirant Big-timers sought to fly the high trapeze or ride in the Grand National, one was totally en-gage on their behalf it was National Velvet, it was comic book ball Kid, it was comic book legend of the boy from no-where, our from and running on behalf of all the boys from

The dreamers were realizing impossible dreams.

But beauty contests are such possible dreams; and it must be recorded that Esther Rantzen's hitherto engaging series stumbled on Thursday as it followed Miss Cardiff's bid to

the United Kingdom crown, and some on to sort out the Middle East crisis, opening a chain of shop shops, say, link-ing Cairo m. Tal Aviv across the followed Miss Cardiff's and to ing Caire to Lel Awy across me become Miss United Kingdom. Sinai, then the programme since, in order to get her head under the rhinestone accolade, among its series peers. As it a girl is required to be, rather than to do, the focus of this episode was not Miss Cardiff "We'll wait and see about her so much as those professionals hust, I think we can do an recruited to manufacture her. sity to every section and every principal. It is the way of concertos for the orchestra to

Philharmonia/ Maazel. Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths Paul Criffits

It was heartening to find the Festival Hell well felled on Thursday for the first British performance of a big orchestral piece by a composer who has not so far attracted a great deal of notice. Maybe the lure was a large helping of C major Mozart, the concerto K.467 with Vladimir Ashkerazy as soloist and the "Jupiter" symphony, but the applause at the end of Raymond Premru's concerto for orchestra, was warm and genuine.

Premru is an American by birth, which explains why his concerto was among the works commissioned for the Cleveland Orchestra and Lorin Mazzel, last night's conductor, to celebrate the Bicentennial. By residence, however, he is British, and at Philharmonia concerts, he is usually to be found playing the trombone, not sitting in the stalls as the proud composer.

His concerto for orchestral bears witness to his orchestral experience in the sureness with which a large body is handled, and perhaps, too, in its genero-

ground than the rest of us, and re-creates a world at their eye level: worlds of class-conscious insects, or in this case, animated kitchen utensils, to whom adults are indeed a race of arbitrary and all-powerful Mr Wood is not one to be hamstrung by any existing story, and all he has salvaged from the traditional Ginger-bread Man is a hero who is fast on his feet, edible, and brand new. Instead of vanishing

The Gingerbread Man

Old Vic

Irving Wardle

Of the 14 David Wood children's productions showing around Britain this Christmas, I doubt if enything better will turn up than this splendid entry by the Cambridge Theatre Company.

Like that Wood classic, The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner, it starts from the fact that children live closer to the ground than the rest of us, and the company of the company of the plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner, it starts from the fact that children live closer to the ground than the rest of us, and the company of the company of the plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner, it starts from the fact that children live closer to the ground than the rest of us, and the compensation of the content of the dustoin, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nightly raids and customs, and the constant the action of the fact of the dustons as an old sailor, or a subject to take all the subject to take and customs, where inclusion is the constant threat of the dustoms rooust narrative invention, deft lyrics and music—qualities that all hold together in passages like the winching of the hero to the top shelf, which is done to a sea sharry; or the one jazz episode with which the Gingerbread Man finds he can move. Jonathan Lynn's production

is led by two passmasters of the genre: Viviesme Martin as the genre: Vivieme Marin as the screeching Old Bag on the top shelf, and Ronnie Stevens as the ailing cuckoo. In their hands dance, songs and dialogue are all a function of honest story telling; and they know exactly how to create big effects without arousing fear. effects without arousing fear.
The same goes for Keith Varnier's would be Master Mouse,
in his Al Capone suit, and for
the rest of the company, who
succeed in surring the loudest
antience participation I have brand new. Instead of vanishing down the for's guilet, he lives on to heal the old feud between the dresser folk and the witchy old teabag on the top shelf, and to defeat their joint enemy, Sleek the Mouse.

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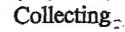


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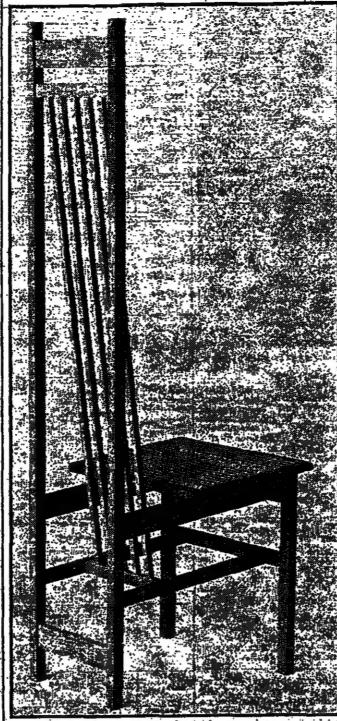
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Those prepared to spend

Those prepared to spend these kind of sums generally now do one of two things. They either turn to antique dealers and auctions in order to acquire fine antique pieces whose purchase can be justified as an investment. Or else they turn to modern interior designoriemed shops where they can

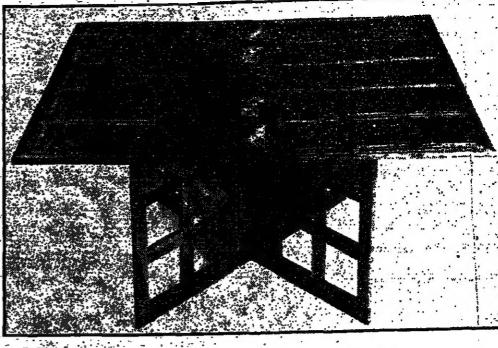
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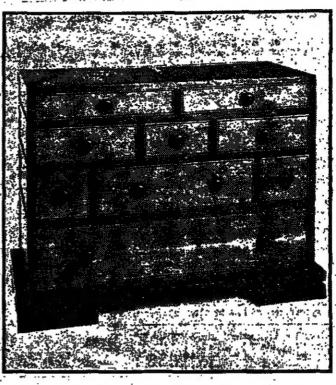
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feedback the vast sums expended.

The number of people who commission their own furniture from modern craftsmen is tiny. Mainly because so few people realize that this option is even open. There are, in fact, a number of cabinet-makers working in this country, capable of designing new furniture for you and making it by hand with the traditional craftsman's care.

There are, no doubt, many more at work than I have discovered. I was first elected to the fact that fine furniture was





Far left:

A high back chair by

Richard

La Trobe Bateman.

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A chest of drawers by Martin Grierson.

Above:

A new interpretation

gateleg table by

Martin Grierson

still being made by seeing a writing table by Martin Grier-son and two high-back chairs of soaringly original design by Richard Le Trobe Bateman on difficult distinct. The creation of pieces of furniture is expensive, and time consuming, so cabines makers are not all that keen on creating purely for display, rather than sale. A few pieces can, however, he seen at the Craft Centre, at Albricai in Shane Square and at the Pres. last war at least, more has Earlham Street, Lorson. Amid pieces can however, he seen at been made in Britain than in the motley display of primitive the Craft Centre, at Albrizai in most other countries because vely potted mags and knitting. Shoane Square and at the Presence had a larger prosperous the fine work massing original cot Callery Copredy, near Bandwiddle class who were able to design and sensitive use of bury. I shall only menton here afford it. In recent years this wood of these two craftsmen the work of three cabinethas made Britain the favourities stood out. So, naturally makers examples of whose hunding ground of antique enough, did the price tags, the work I have seen and liked, dealers from every corner of the globe. Our antique furnic chairs at £140 each.

Through Grierson I disco-wick, combining cabinet-make prices.

While indifferent machine-made furniture of the past 50 quarters in Waterloo Place.

Werken combining cabinet-make in worked pretty cheaply, finely made start if you are considering first designing furniture for

This must be the Lagor start if you are considering first designing furniture. Each furniture maker contributes designing office and embition the has designed turned to mixing as well as rocking and topping. The work of Rupert William colour slides of a range of furniture which he has designed turned to mixing as well as maker, is at the opposite pole and made all the other craft designing in the past three from Bateman. He is looking well as maker is at the opposite pole from Bateman. He is looking well as the opposite pole which no against a light wall and are also to make pieces which no rate than solid blocks of natural wood. Indeed, his work thus very easy to study. In the quality materials as well lies right in the tradition of a clear idea of the different are conomic. start if you are considering first designing furniture for

racks which slide in and out against a light wall and are thus very easy to study. In half an hour you can get quite a clear idea of the different approaches of the different cabinet-makers now at work in Britain and select the one whose work appeals to you most. Their addresses and telephone numbers are available on request.

Another section of the slide library covers student exhibitions at various art schools. If you are feeling particularly adventurous you can commission work from a student just starting out. Though I can't say that I saw any work here that would at the present starting point. They seldom give a faithful impression of any work of art; they are sometimes unrealistically flat strength and sometimes kill the effect. This is particularly so the overall design.

To see the real thing can be

The creation of centrate on making elaborate furniture is expensions symbols for the new time consuming so bourgeoisie. It is an approach kers are not all that that also inspired the Arts and creating purely for Crafts movement but died out His preference is for the traditional home grown woods, oak, ash and elm. His forms are simple but strong and he is

not averse to leaving gouse marks unsmoothed a little psychological emphasis of the fact that the piece has been made that the piece has been made by a caring human agent, not a machine. The great strength of his work is a brilliant sense of design, great souring curves anchored in solid slabs of heavy wood. Again, of course, one finds a high stendard of construction, the careful preci-sion which militates against

wood. The cost of commissioning

work from any of these craftsmen is, of course, sub-stantial. Chairs tends to vary in the £120 to £320 bracket, a complete dining suite from £2,500-£5,000. Cabinets with a large erea to finish will generally be over the £1,000 mark. One is paying both for materials and time; a dining

you have the money in the first place. Grierson points out that people do not balk at spending similar figures on cars, hi-fi equipment or home gadgets; these are items which wear out or fall dramatically in value in a few years. Good furniture will last you several centuries, besides enhancing your home environment (he argues) in a more important way than any gadget can Modern craftsman made fur-

using highly polished veners rather than solid blocks of natural wood. Indeed, his work lies right in the tradition of platorate status symbols of the past 300 years—to my mind, one of the ghories of the applied erts.

His design solutions, however, are new, both in overall combines and finish. In oursines he combines undusting curves with asymmetric rectangles, a sort of merriage of Art Nouveau and Deco. His veneers tend to be in very pake woods, maple or sycamore, outlined in darker ones to form patterns which though they remain geometric verge on marquetry.

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Advisory Committee has a notable chair in his office; its collaborative relationship with twin is in the Victoria and Albert though not at present on show. Seen from the side, the back is one show. Seen from the side, white maple and patterned with contrasting rosewood. The legs which have a satisfying curve are also veneered in a maple and edged with rosewood.

The director of the Craits have spoken to emphasically have spoken to emphasically seed about they enjoy this design, look at samples of two edges, look at samples of two edges and express your preferences, etc. You will not merely end up with well-designed and well-made furnished with contrasting rosewood. The legs which have a satisfying curve are also veneered in a maple and edged with rose-wood.

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Sale Room Correspondent

Bridge

That special satisfaction

There is more satisfaction to he respect from an end-play than from a squeeze, finesse or any other kind of successful plan, and I have never underpian, and I have never under-stood the reason why. Possibly, certain plays can be described as advanced because they ap-pear to demand special cunning. One of the commonest problems should not have presented itself, because the defenders at a partbecause the defenders at a part-score know enough concerning the value of their part-score to bid one more "for the road". However, North-South escaped with the rubber and the de-clarer was highly praised—in beyond his deserts. North-South game; East-West 60. Dealer North.

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second diamond loser. West
made an elementary effort at
deception by leading the \$9,
but the declarer was not deterred from taking the finesse.
West did not make the most
of the defence. It was less important for him to win the \$A
which then gave declarer a discard on the \$K\$ than afterwards
to continue forcing South or to continue forcing South or North with spade leads. Unless declarer takes care over his play to West's fourth spade he may end with a losing club and a losing diamond in addition to the AA.

Hands which must be played in one or another suit present no substantial problems, because you gain on the swings what you lose on the roundabouts. But even after 40 years of approach bidding no opener can ever be sure whether he ought to raise his partner freely on minimum support when he has at least two alternative choices. South appears to have three certain losers, but one of them

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You can see that North whose

bidding is normal has not the slightest chaoce of making game in Hearts, although South's text-

here it is, ready-made in the shape of Two No trumps. There is the weak counter-argument that South has no guard in Spades; but since when has the opener in this sequence been expected to have protection in every suit?

every suit?

There is an alternative rebid by South which savours more of duplicate, and that is Three Clubs. Certain players enjoy doring every "i" and crossing every "t", and their bidding sometimes makes me wonder whether their opponents are ever taken by surprise. In fairness to the expert who gave methis answer, I must give his reasoning, because I then considered him the best rubber

vanished despite West's effort which will keep the auction at of occasions when game is more to put his partner on lead.

West opened the OK, taken by South who cashed two rounds of trumps and led his singleton space. West won with the AA produced the most convincing played a spade to the AK on which South threw a diamond, and then fixed West firmly with the lead by playing dumny's AA 10 CO Dealer South:

AB 100 level while leaving the carried in a suir; but in this blushes by concealing his name). In his view, when no suit is agreed but a redouble by North has set the stage for an undefined contract, a bid by playing dumny's the lead by this best commact if he is given the right information.

Not having employed a weak opening No trump South has two alternatives, if we reject Three Diamonds which can hardly be described as constructive. In a difficult choice of this nature, I always look upon the minimum hid as the wisest; and here it is neady-made in the monds and thereby inviting secondary support for Hearts. If there is a satisfactory

If there is a satisfactory answer to this question, it is to be found in the lowest rebid which keeps the auction afloat. I bid Two No trumps because I prefer to leave my opponents as far as possible in the dark. If you belong to the partnership which looks for precision, you can venture to vary your bidding; but always take care to leave the partner who has redoubled in charge at the critical stage; and that means that you do not raise on three trumps to the queen if you can produce a superior bid.

Edward Mayer

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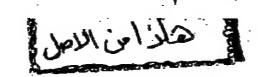
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Lifting the curtain on Soviet theatre

The last foreign theatre delegation to pass through Moscow its finances. were the Italians, who took 75 directors, designers, critics and fans on a fortnight's grand nour last Easter: ours was a officials, all of whom expected somewhat smaller group. There lengthy formal speeches were three of us: Trevor Nunn, director of the Royal Shaketo promise them anything: speare Company, Francesca clearly, however, the Russians Annis, who has just reached the end of two Stratford years as Splits and Cressida, and myself. We were in the Soviet Union for the first 10 days of this month at the invitation of the Wald Theorem servers as the world like to pay a return visit.

Clearly, however, the Russians about Edward Bond, Arnold Wesker and Peter Brook indicated as are expecting us to send them something in the very near ted a far greater knowledge of the would like to pay a return visit. The problems at this end are those Russians who have recently been able to travel to the Wald Theorem servers and the problems are the world been able to travel to the world wesker and Peter Brook indicated as a smelling us to send them wesker and Peter Bro the Great Britain-USSR Association who, like the British Council, are interested in the possipilities of a major London-Moscow theatre exchange during the next few months.

Considering the identity of two thirds of our delegation, the association had also presumably decided that if any theatre company from here is to wast. Russia in the next complet of years it should be the RSC, a decision I find it hard to quarrel with given the current artistic strength of that company and the present over.

garnerings with Soviet theatre

the World Theatre seasons no sending a company to Moscow and keeping its theatres full at home meanwhile are bor-rendous, and, cash apart, there are many who would argue that

its finances.

. cow who take the most despairOur delegation was theoreticing view of the likelihood of a
ally informal (a consideration, forthcoming dissident show
which did not prevent frequent trial agree with Sakharov that the door from the West has to be kept open whatever the

moral cost.
Theatrically, it is clear that there is still great interest in the British; detailed questions about Edward Bond, Arrold the World Theatre seasons no London word has spread longer exists, the economics of through Moscow and Leningrad of Robert Bolt's State of Revolution and Alan Bennett's The Old Country, both, of course, plays which arouse more than a little local Soviet

all state of the National and even those observers in Mos- abnormal amount of curiosity upless you assume that it is as close as they now want to get Russian version has wready been staged, and both My Fair Lady and West Side Story turn up regularly in repertoires as, more seriously, do translations of Osborne, Wesler, Delaney of Osborne, Wesher, Delaney and Archur Miller.

Predictably, perhaps, there's not yet much sign of Stoppard, nor do they seem to have got around to Shaffer or much of Pinters and there's an doubt.

Pinter: yet there's no doubt that the fervency with which they approach plays both new and old, musical and nonmusical, far exceeds myshing I have ever seen elsewhere in the world. Night after night, in the freezing cold outside theatres, we were supped by people waiting around on the offchance of a space ticket; queues were forming for a Saturday morning matinee of Harry. IV in Leningrad, and every show in nown seemed to be playing to standing room only, partly because each show plays only two or three nights a month as part or three nights a month as part of crowded permanent-company which have been playing in

either for standing in overnight queues or for belonging to the right factory group or simply for increased productivity: thus the theatre is regarded with a kind of holy awe by most of its audiences, and productions which have been playing in repertoire for maybe five or even 10 years and are clearly now in need of recasting and rethinking still get capacity houses and prolonged applause though not, admittedly, as long as that granted to Plisserskaya's Carnen baller at the Bolshoi, which most be the only production on record where the curran calls last

one mind about any of the pro-ductions we saw, and these are my rather than our views: we did agree, however, on certain basic impressions, one of which was that the system of no theatrical unemployment can lead to a hardening of the arteries in some companies while allowing others to explore their horizons over five or 10-year programmes. In each case the difference was made

counterparts that a British theatre director thinks himself bucky if he can get an actor to sign on for two years: there, 20 or 30 is not uncommon.

In the very limited time

available, all we saw of the Moscow Art Theare was an Immov that, despite the presence of the legendary Smoktunovsky in the title role, seemed to me dead beyond recall: Stanislavsky himself, we were told, gave up going to that thearre in the last seven years very nearly as long as the dancof his life, but it is only fair to add that there may well be ivelier productions now in the repertoire which deserve an invitation. Also in Moscow, the Red Army Thearre has a play called Holy of Holics which I believe should be seen not only for the central performances of or the central performances or also for the proof that limited criticism of the regime (in this case its passion for heartless urbanization) is now permissible provided you have an upbest ending.

Anatoly Efro. production of Don Juan brought two mas- 18 months bence. sively good performances from Michael Kazakov and Leo Dirrow: next year, all being well, they'll be at the Edinburgh Festival though not, alas,

with this production. At the Gorky in Leningred, Toystonogov's Henry IV (a three-hour condensed version of Parts I and II highlighting Falstaff and Hotspur, the latter being played by a man in his middle fifties but mesmeric for all that) is now in its tenth season and showing signs of wear and tear, but there again the company have brought much else into the repertoire since their last visit to London since their last visit to London a decade ago and clearly deserve another invitation. So what should we be sending them? If a company were going tomorrow, I would lobby for an RSC troble of the

for better or worse by the director of the company, and size of Sheffield where there there of Nuna never ceased are eight major repertory explaining to his incredulous theatres and so opera house.

McKellen Macbeth and Wild Oats, if Howard could be persuaded to return to that cast, along, if possible with their theares and an opera house along, if possible, with their they have a stunningly good musical Comedy of Errors. But Brand played out on one of the as it may already be too late most amazing revolving stages to get a tour going in 1978, I have ever seen, and in Len- such are the planning complexiingrad while we were there the ties, it is anvone's guess what the RSC will have on offer

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A 1979 visit now seems the most likely, if only because 1980 is the Moscow Olympics and nobody wants to risk leaving it as late as 81. The request will certainly be for a major Shakespeare", but there is room for a modern production as well. In the best of all possible worlds it could perhaps be argued that modern play should be Tom Stoppard's Every Good Boy Descroes Favow, though that is not a suggestion I make in whatsoever. Still, as we end-lessly tried to remind the infinitely welcoming, infinitely hospitable, infinitely official groups we met along the way, the play's the thing.

Sheridan Morley

Gardening

Rooting around in the cellar

opening of private gardens on behalf of the two gardeners' Chicory roots from plants sown charides, the Gardeners Royal last May, lifted in October or in which such famous varieties

This year the garden openings again brought a welcome bench in a warm greenhouse. net sum for the charities : it will be nearly £15,000—I ago when the organizers wondered if they would live to see £10,000 could be raised.

them to the public. Every year extra. the Owners can no longer parking facilities are no longer losa) from a sheltered bed nes- many years.

Lest year 37 new gardens were open, for the first time keeping the total at well over 300 gardens. This year so far 31 new garden owners have offered to help and hopefully the new acquisitions will more than compensate for the withdrawals. But the Gardeners' Sunday scheme would greatly welcome more gardens. A subhirtella autumnalis too bas garden to interest visitors does not have to be vast. Mrs Shella The flowers are rather singed Macqueen the celebrated flower arranger and four appear quite quickly and keep friends all within about a mile the tree attractive. The blush of each other in Hernfordshire pink form "Rosea" is ceropened their gardens this year tainly, to me, more attractive and contributed £1,700 to the than the white flowered varifund. They will again be open- ety and I wonder why it has ing their gardens next year on never received more than the July 9.

If you would like to open your garden for these two very its white counterpart has had worthy charities next year, the much more important please write at once, before award of garden merit and the Christmas so that details can top accolade, the first class be included in the booklet pub- certificate, which of course it lished early in the year. The richly deserves. address to write to is Garden-

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and Mari

with six inches of sand or soil. 40 petals.

the day when the figure of happily from November until with that eplendid hybrid tea 10,000 could be raised. the spring, is now available variety "Alec's Red".

But the scheme raises on the from W. J. Unwin Ltd, Histon, The Rose of Torridge owners of gardens to open postage, presumably 7 or 9p

valiable. tling against the south-facing. A certificate of merit was

These are many valid rea-wall of the house. gwarded to a floribunda was

So it is to be hoped that new monly known as F. fragrans, Roses International. gardens will be opened every are bravely carrying on a Trial ground carrificates were show. It began in carly awarded to no fewer than no doubt go on until March. It does not have already been named are last all that long in water but as it benefits from light prun- silver-pink edged deep pink, ing there is no reason why we should not belp ourselves to a auccession of flowering twigs

in the winter and early spring. The autumn cherry, Prunus been flowering since October. by frosts but new blossoms award of merit from the Royal Horricultural Society whereas

The Royal National Rose ers' Sunday, White Witches, Society has just issued the Clargate Road, Dorking, Sur- results of its 1977 trial of new roses. The President's international trophy and a gold

At this season of good will may times recommended the new medal were awarded to "Silver we think, for a moment, of Dutch self-folding chicory vari- Jubilee , a coppery salmon Gardeners' Sunday the organic eties—thosa which will pink hybrid tea rose. Very vignation that coordinates the naturally make a good fat chicon without being covered with a full complement of 30-

It has a curious perentage Benevolent Society and the November, are now yielding as "Parkdirektor Riggers", Royal Gardeners' Orphan welcome chicons in boxes of "Piccadilly", "Highlight", welcome chicons in boxes of "Piccadilly", "Highlight", peat in the cupboard under the "Colour Wonder" and "Misstairs, a cellar, or under a chief" all played a pert. It was raised by Mr Alec Cocker of Unfortunately the firm that Aberdeen, who died last month was selling the seed of these without knowing that for the remember only a few years chicory variaties no longer second time in seven years be stocks them. But the variety had won this coveted eward. Normato, which I forced quite His first success was in 1970

The Rose of Torridge Salver ability and willingness of the Cambridge, price 25p a packet, for the best new variety raised by an amereur was awarded to Butterfly Wings", 2 shrub inevitably some gardens are. This is the time of year rose with dainty ivory-white lost to the scheme—they may when any, flowers in the flowers tipped with carmine. It have been sold for building, garden are so welcome. For was raised by Mr David Gobthree or four weeks we have bee of Balham in London, who afford the time or labour to been able to pick a few blooms with very limited facilities has keep them up properly, or car of /ris unguicularis (I. sty- been breeding new roses for

sons why a garden owner can Now too the pink flowers of as yet unnamed, pink with a no longer support the scheme.

Vibrarum farreri, more com- white eye from Sam McGredy

"English Miss", a floribunds, from Cants of Colchester Ltd. "Memento" floribunda, cerise pink , with a carmine reverse, Triton HT, pale yellow edged orange pink, from Dickson Norseries Ltd. Northern Ireland, " Judy Garland", floribunda deep yellow, edged orange, "Margaret Merril" orange, margarent tea type, jorie Fair", a shrub rose, car mine with a silver eye, this variety also won the first prize the International Rose Trials in Denmark, and "Mrs Walter Burns ", a dwarf floribonda carmine edged silver 106 small perals, all with raised by R. Harkness and Co " Warrior", floribunda Ltd: scarlet raised by E. B. Le Grice Ltd, "Mosna", a ministure rose deep coral pink, and Macgem " (subject to naming) from Sam McGredy International New Zealand.

Roy Hay



Travel

Move for the disabled

Some time ago I was taken gently to task by the representative of a worthy charitable organization who made mistake (as so many do) assuming that I am some kind of commercial extension to the travel industry.

He wanted to know why that industry, and particularly the tour companies, did not do more for the disabled. He felt, rightly, that they are just as entitled maybe more entitled. entitled—maybe more entitled,—to a holiday and a refreshing change from the routine of their lives, but that the tour operators did not respond to their special needs.

Having long studied the subject of holidays for the disabled, I was able to give him some information and learnt only last week that, acting

such purchases.

I met Mr Hargreaves at the

Los Mirlos and Los Tordos at Magaluf, Majorca.

At the moment the cost of two weeks to Malta is £207 and two

weeks to Magaluf is £151.90, with the programme running through to the end of March.

There are plans for another series in winter 1978/79 and

Pickfords also offer an infor-

mation and advice service to potential organizers.

fords initiative in offering special arrangements. When

you consider that there are over 3,000,000 disabled people in Britain, such a more is long

As for the Spastics Society's efforts, I know that a boliday to Benidorm is being planned

in February (as a result of an approach from Thomson Holidays) a trip to Holland in April and one to Callela on the

As well as the week in Rome

I mentioned, there are holidays in Britain and the programme ends with trips to Spain, Majorca and Ostend. You may

obtain complete details from the Spastics Society at 12, Park

Crescent, London, WIN 4EO, although the holiday pro-

gramme is a modest one and

likely to be fully subscribed. However, I magine that any

individuals or from the organizers of holidays for the disabled—would encourage the

society to expand its useful

What particularly bowled me over, incidentally, was Mr Har-greaves's casual mention of the

viouer sports holiday that was organized for a group of members last March. Most of

individuals

of inquiries—from

I certainly welcome the Pick-

last week that, acting it, he has made some fic holiday arrangements his "chents" in 1978. I also learnt last week that the mobility allowance paid to the disabled is to be raised from next July. As this allowance is being increasingly used for the purchase of holidays, I thought a few words on the subject

first thing to ber—and the point so many organizations overlookis that tour companies are in business to make money. (Tour companies themselves have in the past seemed to overlook that very point, but that is another story. They are un-likely therefore to set aside all commercial considerations, as charitable organizations many charitable organi would wish them to do.

We can make special arrangements for disabled holidaymakers, and are pleased to do so ', I was told by one tour "But the reason we do not take many disabled people is that the wast majority cannot afford our holidays, especially in the high

a comment would Such never, of course, be made "on the record" but it does acknowledge that the greatest handicap is a financial one. Or, rather, it has been Research carried out by the

spastics Society has shown that the most popular holiday in its 1977 programme was the most expensive—2 week to an hotel in come for £140. The same holiday is included in the society's 1978 programme, at 149, and looks like being the shem tackled the ski slopes of bilitation at 25 Mortimer Street; best seller again.

San Valentino in Italy and so London W1N 8AB.

Mr Bill Hargreaves, who is successful was the week that head of the society's recreational services denarroses.

1078 to Communication. head of the society's recrea-tional services department, reckons that for disabled holi-1978, to Caspoggio.

As an example of evercoming the barriers of disability, that holiday takes some beating, though Mr Brian Stead of Northampton broke those barriers early this year. A victim of multiple sclerosis, he took time off from his job with the local electricity board and travelled to Jamaica, Mexico, Fift and New Zealand, accompanied by his elderly father. He is daymakers money is no longer the sole criterion. The mobility allowances are being used for the purchase of holidays and as the allowance is to go up to £10 a week next July, more money will be available for or the disabled—a winter series of one and two week deals to the Hotel Imperial at Sliema in Malta and the hotels by his elderly father. He is presently writing a book about

The many societies which have been formed to assist people suffering from particsular disabilities—such as the Spasiics Society, the British Epideosy Association, the British Polio Fellowship—are able to advise about holidays at home and abroad, and sometimes even organize such times even organize such holidays. An approach to such a society is usually the best

have in the past—the purchase of Holidays for the Physically Handicapped, the 1978 edition of which should be published at the end of this month. It costs 75p from W. H. Smith or other large book stores and is produced by the Royal Association for Disability and Reha

and a free one, is the pamph-let issued by the Airline Users' Committee (Space House, 43-59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE) Care in the Air which gives advice for disabled passengers It would certainly have helped the reader from Sheffield who was told on a charter flight to Spain that disabled people were not allowed by law " to occupy the seats with extra leg room near the exits.

The pamphlet clearly advises those with special needs to tell the airline in advance if they want a seat in a particular position " such as one on the aisle, near the toilets or with extra leg room". A travel agent's explanation to the Sheffield reader that the advice only applied to scheduled service flights is as fatuous as it is feeble.

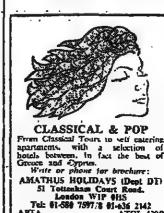
If you suffer from any disability, or if you are in a position to organize holidays for the disabled, I trust your arrangements for 1978 will propose the disabled of the street problems. ceed with no great problems. If I can help by putting you in touch with suitable organizations, then I shall be pleased

John Carter

the Costa Brava: holiday plan by the Spastics

Society

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Mountaineering is not a race and that is official



taineering is that the sport is not in the normal sense competitive. It is wanecessary for omeone to win and everyone else to lose, neither are the participants watched by a crowd of critical voyeurs. Be he ever so dim of eye or flet of foot, a man can pled the hills without having his nose rubbed in failure or being accused of offend-

He may not be able to bet a straight ball or enjoy having his ears flattened in a scrum, but he can crouch from the wind behind a boulder and est this analysis and the straight while t while sandwiches while the clouds boil at his feet, the sun slamts in golden pillers around him and his mate makes a

The laws of climbing owe nothing to formul organization which is why there will be general relief felt at the recent iccision of the International Union of Alpine Associations (UIAA) in Mexico to steer away from competitive mountaineering. Ostensibly it was a decision to remove the UIAA's support for the Trofio Mezzalans, a compedition organized by the Italian Alpine Club under the patronage of the International Union, and billed as the world ski mountaineer-ing championship.

The decision by 10 votes to two to withdraw support was reached for two reasons; that it would open the door to for-mal competition within the sport of mountaineering and cause the Russians were persuaded to see the event as a killing by the capitalist entre-preneurs of Aosta — the ski

believe it would be only a short step from ski-mountnineering contests to the spread of "speed climbing" events which have taken place and are deeply offensive to purist mountaineers and to those who feel less than purely

Some wry dreamers have been trying to visualize what such a championship would be such a championship would be like, how the latter day gladiators would perform. There would have to be a proscribed stretch of cliff, roped off and neatly dusted down. A grand-stand would be erected overlooking the scene together with scaffolding to allow the television cameras to record every grunt and sweat bead issuing from the competitors. No one else would be allowed No one else would be allowed to climb there on that day; to attempt to do so would be worse than sailing across the Solent as the starting gun for the Admiral's Cup was fired.

Perhaps there would be a Come Climbing slot in Saturday afternoon viewing with an opening zoom shot of the first competitor, Hr Helmut Hochspitz of Bavaria (the West Ger-mans are said to be especially

keen on giving the competition a chance) stricting before the judges to a ripple of applause. The commensator might begin: "And here is Helmur, a sau-sage stuffer from Munich who through dedicated exercise has a power to weight ratio of 50:1 and 28 inch wrists. He is very smartly turned out in outsize Lederhosen with matching baller shoes. Helmut sewed all the buttons on his trousers trimself, and his most fetching assembly is topped by an alpine hat moulded in concrete

alpine hat moulded in concrete with an eagle's feather and steel chin strap."
Helmut would present himself at the cliff foot for discreet inspection, rather like a boxer opening his gloves to disclose any hidden ingots. The climbing equivalent might be boot tips dipped in glut or helium filling those voluminous leather knickerhotkers to sive filling those voluminous leather knickerbockers to give

a more graceful lift.

A bell would ring and a huge clock begin to rick off the seconds as Helmut launched himself at the cliff, climbing to a rising crescendo of Wagner played by an imported brass band. From rugosity to rugosity he would move with dessing precision and simian rityshm, his appearance hardly marred by the large number on his back and the discreet advertisement for

At the top he would snap to attention whilst a row of elderly mountaineering councillors held up large cardooard signs giving points for style, deport-

How far from the truth would this be? The international committee of the British Mountaineering Council, the representative body of the sport in this country, have decided that speed climbing is against the interests of the sport Mr Michael Westmacott, the chairman, explained: "We thought it would lead to more regimentation and the type of interest you get in sports which are strongly competitive. This would not be welcome."

The nations which most favour competitive climbing

are the Soviet Union and her satellites who have the ulterior satelities who dave the liferior motive in developing this arm of mountaineering to qualify for government aid—particularly if it was to become an Olympic event. There is no risk, as there is in proper climbing, since its in proper climbing, since fixed ropes are used. If in the middle of a stylish ascent a climber actually parts company with the rock, he will bruise no more than his ego. So for the moment at least climbing exti-bitionists must keep their com-petitive tendencies to them-selves or exercist them among consenting friends. Apart from showing off, the general judg-ment is that moving at high speed up precipices encourages bad habits.

Ronald Faux

George Hutchinson

EEC elections: the danger of extremism that was pipped at the post

own national interests, she falls short of being a true

is, not uncommon among the "Eurofenatics" both here and

that Mrs Thatcher has not adop-ted "Europe first" as ber motto. Her principal and recurring themes, and the philosophy underlying them, are essentially "British" or "national" or "patriotic". Although in no sense narrow, for there is nothing shallow about them, they encourages the recognition they encompass the recognition mer encompass the recognition—at once realistic and romantic—that while Britain may have lessons to learn from other members of the European Community we are not, as a nation, altogether unversed in the arts and conventions of democracy and social stability. One of these is the first

One of these is the first past the post" system of elections, which Mr Heath would prefer to abandon in returning members to the European Parliament while Mrs Thatcher (and all but two of the Shadow Cabinet) would rather retain it.

By Tuesday's vore in the House of Commons, the "tradi-tionalists" have bad their way,

various forms of proportional representation, as Mr Callaghan —a late convert, if that is the word—was advocating.

However disappointing to Mr David Steel and his little band of Liberals, the decision must relieve at least one anxiety.: namely the fear that if PR were allowed for the European elections we would be drawn closer to the day of its intro-Misgivings about the reputed

merits of proportional repre-sentation have sharply in-creased with the growth of the National Front. More and more, would no doubt be true if the Front were to maintain its existing support or to become even stronger—and there is no evidence of decline, rather the

Mrs Thatcher perceives the danger. More fundamentally, she is not temperamentally in-

from his fellow countrymen.

As for Mr Steel, one can discount no future comfort in his leadership of the Liberal Party. His alliance with Mr Callaghan has gained nothing for the of the bills were paid last his alliance with Mr Callagnan has gained nothing for the Liberals except the extension of the present Parliament. Perhaps he would be happier with Labour, to whose interests be has proved so accommodating.

Twenty years ago, Mr H. F. Harris was the director of the Liberal Party. Speaking on September 18, 1957, he had this to say: "If, in the process of

In the week of Lady Spencer-Churchill's death, it is Spencer-Churchil's death, it is perhaps fitting to reproduce a letter written to her by her husband on July 17, 1915 as he prepared for service on the Western Front. He pur it in an envelope marked: "To be sent

olds about £1000 securities of mine Withank Collectes):

year. Randolph Payne & Lum-ley are the only two large ones.

in addition until you succeed my mother. The £10,000 can either be used to provide interest i.e. about £450 a year or even to purchase an amounty wd yield a much larger income at the expense of the capital. Of course it wd be much better keep the £10,000 and live the interest than to spend on the chance of my mother

The insurance policies are

especially those who refer to my Admiralty administration. I will carry on the lamp. Do not grieve for me too much. I am

being. On the whole, especially since I met you my darling one to more general advantage. I have been happy, & you have taught me how noble a womans heart can be. If there is anylook out for you. Meanwhile look forward, feel free, rejoice in life, cherish the children.

tin Gilbert's magnificent Life of

engaged in authorship (of however slight a character), Mr Reach and Sir Harold Wilson might at last address them-selves to a cause which neither did anything to assist while in office. As men of letters, they may perhaps feel moved to support the campaign for a Public Lending Right which would allow writers a modest financial return when their books are borrowed from

As a class (and granted reptions), professional exceptions). writers are not noted for the sort of business acumen so pro-nounced in Mr Heath and Sir notoriety is an asset in the selling of books: but Sir Harold and Mr Reath have another asset as well-and that is a sharp eye for profit.
Like his predecessors, Mr

Callaghan has so far proved quite ineffectual in furthering his overdue reform, although deputation of authors did call on him as long ago as May, He received them civilly enough, nd gave them tea- a modicum

of sympathy too.

But nothing has resulted. The PLR campaign continues, with Brigid Brophy, Elizabeth Jane Howard, Kingsley Amis and Michael Holroyd to the fore-front One day it will succeed after some of our poorer —after some of our poorer authors have been reduced to destitution by the various dis-abilities afflicting their vocation.
It is greatly to be repretted

that authors have failed to organize something similar to the Performing Rights Society, which looks after the interests

Why the pinstripe brigade are 'mucking in' down on the farm

Forget the canine conno-tations. WWOOF simply stands for Working Weekends on Organic Farms—an organiza-tion with a strong appeal for all those devotees of BBC tele-vision's series The Good Life. People who share with the fic-tional Tom and Barbara Good a desire for complete self-suffidesire for complete self-suffi-ciency and whose philosophy for living lies within the pages of E. F. Schumacher's Small is

Over half of WWOOPs 700 members live in London and regularly swop city suits and briefcases for jeans, wellingtons and a hoe. For two days they'll rackie a variety of labitations of the contractions of the contractions of the contractions of the contractions. trees and mending fences to the more exotic art of making compost or feeding the pigs. yet they won't be paid a

For most the attraction is the countryside itself—the con-viction that inside every urban man a rural one waits to escape and "suck in". When Sue Coppard started WWOOF in 1971 she found people so desperate to get away from the city and on to a farm that they arrived unannounced on her doorstep begging for rural

organized. Members are sent a regular newsletter telling them which farms need belp on which particular weekend. The south east is naturally very popular, and often oversubscribed, so here it's a case of first come, first served.

In the Restaurant

"Snow on toast?".

" Two snows on toast."

No snow on toast.*

and John have been WWOOF-ing for several manths and say they would go, "even if we

their dream may become reality. Reality would probably be ably be somewhere in East Anglia for anything similar in the south-east would be an accommic nightmare. Prices in that part of the country are prohibitive—you could easily pay £30,000 for a cottage and two acres of land.

Ann and John Spinger of Hounslow, have accepted that the likelihood of their owning the likelihood of their owning a farm will remain a fantasy and ideally would like to settle as tenants on a few acres of land. The couple go WWOOFing to learn more about animal husbanders and acres of land. husbandry and warn that the work can be hard. It's cer-tainly not intended for those



WWOOFers Charlotte Barber and Christopher Trussell: "Better than we expected."

who fancy a cheap country weekend contemplating nature from under the boughs of the

smallholdings amongst the rugged scenery of Scotland and North Wales, and others rucked away in the lush countryside of Devon, Wilt-

In one such idyllic spot, near the Ashdown Forest in Sussex, Carol and Colin Cook have a 300-year-old cottage and 10 acres on which they keep sheep, pigs, two cows, hens and geese and grow every conceivable variety of vergrable. sheep, pigs, two cows, hens wind."

and geese and grow every conceivable variety of vegetable.

They moved there two years ago when the cottage was derelict. Since then they have who live near Holloway.

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They many rarms ofter extra bonuses like learning the extra bonu

rebuilt it, put in a swimming pool and, with the eid of WWOOFers, are now reclaim-ing four acres of woodland and

"We couldn't have schieved all this in so short a time without the WWOOPers", says
Colin Cook, "yet we don't have them here merely to work for us. We do realize how fortunese we are living as we do, and we like to share our life-style with others. Many WWOOPers find it's a great way to mentally unwind."

weekend was far better than anything they had expected— even the unexpected such as milking a cow, and then mak-

Spinning is one craft Carol Cook could not teach Char-lotte. She has only just acquired a spinning wheel and intends to spend the winter intends to spend the winter month, spinning the wool from their own sheep. Whilst no one denies that WWOOFers are expected to work hard for their supper, many farms offer

Scotland, beekeeping in Leices-tershire and maintaining old buildings by the medieval method of clay wattling in Suf-

WWOOF philosophy is now spreading internationally. You can go WWOOFing in New Zealand and soon in Denmark, Germany, Australia and California. For those who are looking for new ground to break, in svery sense, new WWOOFers are always wel-come, especially in the north of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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Getting Europeans to drink more pintas

Covid the adoption by other SEC countries of British-type "drinka pinta" campaigns substantially boost milk consumption in the Community and thereby help to reduce the embarrassing "mountains" of surplus butter and skimmed milk nowder? Christopher Logue

The question was posed at a recent meeting of EEC agricultural ministers by Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, who are capital computers that the last capital computers. that the per capita consump-tion of liquid milk in Britain was twice as high as in most other member states. The suggestion struck a sym-

partnetic response trom Mr Finn Okty Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, who apparently believes there is a significant uncapped market for liquid mik in the EEC which the right kind of adver-tising could negin to win back from soft dranks manufac-

It is in fact inpended that some 20 per cent of the £120m which the commission expects to collect in receipts next year through the levying of a special co-responsibility ax on milk producers should be fmance promotivo,

delivered to the dairies at a rate of 1.5 per cent of a tacget price, though small Italian pro-ducers, hill regions and other distaroured areas are exempt. The idea is that dairy farmers should shere some of the financial responsibility of dis-posing of the surpluses they

resce.

It is true that the British and the Irish spend much more than any of their partners on advertising, and also drink more milk. The Irish get through no less than



6.5 pints a head every week, and the British 4.7. Weekly per capita consumption in other member states is as follows: Denmark 39 pints; Holland 31; Luxembourg 28; France 25; West Germany 25; Italy 24; Belgium 23.

On the face of it this would seem to suggest a link between advertising, and higher con-sumption, except that the Irish

Inish consumption rates. but only by getting them to The point also needs to be drink less wine, which is also made that when butter, cheese, in surplus. The French could

cream and yoghurt are also is not so very different from one country to another. The British and Irish, for example, substantial. than anyone else in the com-

sumption, except that the Irish drink 38 per cent more than the Commission are doubtful the British on a per capita that costly promotion cambasis, but speed only half as much on promotion.

In fact, significantly lower habits, changing, say, the British into cheese eaters and the true which enables fresh milk.

French into milk drinkers. Nor, they argue, would it necessarily be desirable.

As one official put it: "You might be able to persuade the French to drink more milk,

argue that the Community as a whole would be better off if the British drank more wine, less milk and ate more

The reality remains that con-sumption of both liquid milk and other milk products in the while production is sharply in-creasing. This is because dairy farmers, though declining in numbers, are becoming more efficient at keeping more cows on a given acreage and produc-ing more milk from them, and are encouraged to do so by too high prices. In recent years the EEC has produced 10 per cent more milk than it needs. The only real answer is to restrict dairy farmers to very small price increases indeed

for some years ahead. But the political obstacles are formir dable. Many experts would go farther and argue that the

buying needs to be curtailed, so that dairy farmers would enjoy a guaranteed price only up to a certain level of production, and would have to sell balance at whatever price market was prepared to

But intervention is a sacred cow which is still a long way off from the slaughter house. In the meantime, the Commission is making an effort to dispose of more surplus milk within the Community than in the past by subsidizing cheaper consumer prices, making cheap butter available to ice-cream manufacturers, enlarging school milk programmes and the like. But those are little more than palliatives.

In a new venture this year, the Commission authorized member states to release some 72,000 tonnes of "Christmas butter from intervention stockpiles and to put it on the normal prices, the cost of the subsidy being met out of the EEC budget.

British shoppers are not benefiting from the scheme because butter in Britain EEC financed consumer sidy anyway. The Christmas bonus seems to have run into trouble in Ireland, where there are reports of distribution con-fusion and tale; of unscrupulous shopkeepers re-wrapping supplies and selling the stuff

Subsidizing cut-price exports of EEC butter is the more traditional, and actually more economic method of disposing of surpluses; But it is felt in especially when the benefi-ciaries are Russians.

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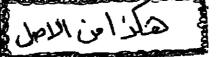
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ARGENTINA'S CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

French nuns in Argentina, and terrorist methods against them, the representations made by the regardless of the cost to innocent French Embassy in Buenos Aires, people caught up in the struggle. are one more reminder that the are one more reminder that the This policy has involved cycle of violence continues in setting up small counter-terrorist that country. The assumption is that, like thousands of other instructed to act with a certain people, the nuns were taken offby people acting under the auspices of the military Government. It is also likely that unless action is taken to locate them quickly, they will join the long list of those who have disappeared without trace over the past two years. The incident can only serve to tarnish the reputation of the Argentine Government still further, and set back its attempts to obtain greater international sympathy for its predicament. The fact of the matter is that military repression has been as harsh in Argentina as in any other Latin American country, and that the justification for it -the need to counter the sub-version of terrorist groups—does not excuse the excesses that have been committed.

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There is no question that the armed forces faced an appalling situation when they took power in March, 1976, with an economy on the brink of collapse and terrorist groups that were well organized, well financed and ruthless. It is also true that these groups are still active today, though on a reduced scale. There are still incidents in which bombs are exploded, or the executives of private companies are attacked by gunmen. But the armed forces are now reaping the fruits of a deliberately chosen policy which involved pusting themselves on a level

The recent abduction of two with the terrorists and using groups in the civilian population,

autonomy. It has also involved a ruthless approach to the col-lection of intelligence, in which large numbers of people have been taken off for questioning, often for no better reason than that their names may have appeared in someone else's address book. Many of these people will have had little information that can have been of use to their questioners, but the procedure was felt to be justified for whatever it produced. Most serious of all, the intelligence gathering operation has been conducted outside the law, with no information being given to relations on what had happened, and blank statements of ignorance by officials who were approached by them.

The aim of the military authorities was to have a ruth-less, but ultimately efficient, method of eliminating terrorists, by removing not only them but any possible sympathizers from circulation. This was a war, they considered, and in war it is not possible to be too scrupulous about methods. The trouble was that in the event the campaign became more like a civil war than a war, and that, as in all civil wars, the situation got out of hand. It has proved difficult to control the various groups which had been given their marching orders, especially as they had been told they need not

worry about the law. The result has been abduction by such groups of personal enemies of people regarded as too leftist. and even of relatives who are too persistent in asking questions about those who have disappeared.

There can be little doubt that there are members of the Argentine military Governmentwho deplore such incidents as the abduction of the two French nuns. They take some pride in the other achievements since they took power—in the fact that they have pulled the country out of the worst of its economic crisis," and that businessmen, diplomats and others no longer have to go in constant fear of kidnapping or murder. President Videla has himself undertaken to try to curb the excesses, and there has been a certain reduction in the number of disappearances. But his power is limited by disagreements among the various parts of the armed forces, where there are many who believe that a hard line should be continued, and others who oppose him in a simple contest for power.

Argentina is a large and complex country which has been in a state of turbulence for many years. The question now is whether it will be able to heal the wounds that have been inflic-ted in the virtual civil war of the last few years. If it can, it can hake advantage of its enormous economic potential and resume the growth which it should have been enjoying all this time. But to do that, it will have to stop the cycle of violence and return to legality.

NO RISE SINCE 1972: AND NOW 5 PER CENT

Mr Callaghan's decision on pay increases for nationalized industry chairmen and board members is the culmination of bungling and ineptitude of the first order. Its siming-24 hours before the Christmas recess and with no prior consultation with or warning to those concerned—is scan-dalous.

In 1974, the independent review body on top salaries, chaired by Lord Boyle of Randsworth, recommended substantial increases for state industry board members and for same officials in the public service the armed forces and the indicary. The Government allowed half the increases recommended for all except the adionalized industry chairmen and board members. The then Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson, with his eye on the social contract, postponed a decision on the state industries until such time as he had seen and studied the findings of the Commission on Income Distribution and Wealth.

Sir Harold accepted the review body's findings that the chairmen and board members of nationalized industries were

earning substantially lower salaries than their counterparts in private industry. But, he argued, the social justification for some of the very high incomes paid in private industry would be questionable, whatever the economic circumstances of the country. With the whole country tightening its belt, those who were most highly paid should accept the need for extreme restraint. The royal commission's findings on this matter have come and gone and nothing has been done, until this week, about the salaries of those who run the nationalized indus-The Government tries, Mr Callaghan has re-stated the Government's belief that these people's salaries are significantly out of line with those of their counterparts elsewhere; but he has chosen, like his predecessor, to take a harsh line, presumably pour encourager les autres.

The salary scales of those who head the nationalized industries or sit on their boards as full time members have remained virtually unchanged since 1972. This means that many of them have seen their real income halved in that period. The Government

now proposes that those earning more than £13,000 a year should get a 5 per cent increase and that those below that figure should, on a sliding scale, be allowed up to a maximum of 10 per cent. This formula is an insult to men who are devoting their life to public service. Had Mr Callaghan awarded 10 per cent across the board if might still have seemed harsh-particularly since the Boyle report pre-dated the present series of incomes policies—but it would at least have had the merit of being rough justice applied with some semblance of equity. The Government may live to

regret its decision. First, by this action, it will forfelt the trust of the men and women on whom of industry wisely and efficiently; secondly, it may well lose, through resignations, people whose skills will not be easily replaced; thirdly, it may find that the general public, far from being impressed by the Govern-ment's resolve to discriminate against the higher paid, may in fact see it as a shabby example of the politics of envy.

BRITTLE UNITY OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS

Eoka-B kidnappers in Cyprus who seized Achilleas Kyprianou, the son of the Wednesday President. OD threatened to kill him unless their blanket demand for the pe release of all persons detained on the island for any political reason was met. In effect this meant those members of their organization involved in the short-lived coup of 1974 and such of their underground sympathi-zers as were also held in detention. Already the threat to kill Lieutenant Kyprianou has been twice postponed and now stands to be carried out this evening.

are accumulating. These signs have been dramatically underlined by a plea issued from his prison cell by Mr Nicos Sampson, the eight-day figurehead of the 1974 coup, who has disowned the kidnappers and pleads for the release of the hostage. At the same time an appeal for unity among Greek Cypriots

As usual with such terrorists the

signs of vacillation and weakness

has been issued by Mr Glafkos Clerides who was the single opponent of President Kyprianou in the election due on February but who has now withdrawn as gesture of unity. He referred to the hideous crime of the abduction and urged that the already tense atmosphere should not be aggravated. This leaves very little force behind the bluff of the kidnappers since their cause has been visibly weakened by their action and can only be damaged further if they carry out their

Yet the divisions within Cyprus are not likely to be healed while those within Greece itself persist. Ever since the death of President Makarlos the Greek Cypriot unity in face of Turkey and in face of pressure from Athens has become more brittle. As acting President, Mr Kyprianou has held to the view that the best hope for any settlement for Cyprus lay in cooperation with President Carter's chosen medi-

ator Mr Clark Clifford. But hopes in that source for a solution have lately been weakening for lack of American pressure on the Turks strong enough to exact concessions. Coupled with this, last month's Greek elections saw Mr Andreas Papandreou's opposition party make considerable inroads into Mr Karamanlis's majority. This was on a platform rejecting Nato, opting for neutralism and adopt ing a stronger line against Turkey than Mr Karamanlis was willing to take.

If the continued refusal to meet the kidnappers' demands brings the release of Achilleas Kyprianou the Greek Cypriots may justifiably feel strengthened but the Greeks may not be able to give them the right backing when Mr Karamanlis's prefer ence for American mediation is opposed by Mr Papandreou's desire to make Cyprus an inter national problem to be exposed in the forum of the United

Future of nuclear power From Mr Derrick Streeton

Sir, Referring to Mr D. R. Berridge's letter (December 6) it must be said that compared to reactors of proven design, the effect of sea water contamination in an Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor (AGR) is much more pronounced and far More costly to rectify.

The sheer complexity of the AGR

and its distinct disadvantages in terms of access for inspection and maintenance makes one wonder what other problems will arise in future. It is for this reason that the Runterston incident cannot be disregarded in the current decision making on reactor choice. It is now twelve years since the

implementation of the AGR programme and after all this time this reactor remains unproven. The cost to the consumer has been enormous, and it appears that this recent inci-dent will add several millions, if not tens of millions, to the massive burden.

It really is quite staggering to find after the Steam Generating Hot Vater Reactor fiasco and the difficulties with the AGR, some con-tinue to scrape the barrel to find excuses for not accepting the mevitable—the Pressurized Water Reactor. It would be wholly wrong o spend millions more of the tax-Payer's money to "prove" what has been evident for years about the shortcomings of the AGR. It is about time that Parliament de-

manded real accountability. If those in the industry who advocate any particular reactor type are willing to back their cause with something more than their reputation, then we might see some realism applied. Finally, referring again to Mr Berridge's letter, it is mentioned the incident reveals no design weakness. I find this statement difficult to understand for it implies that there is no need to improve upon the Hunterston design. As a result of "maloperation" in any plant it is usual to overcome such problems by design improvements. If this essibility does not exist at Hunterston, one wonders what can be done. Yours faithfully, DERRICK STREETON. Westcliff-on-Sea.

December 8.

Bermuda executions

Essex.

From Mr Michael Stewart, CH, MP for Fulham (Labour) Sir, In his letter in The Times of December 10, Lord Thurlow, the former Governor of the Bahamas, quotes the Nairn case in the Bahamas in 1969-70 as evidence that the Secretary of State could have intervened to stop the recent

executions in Bermuda. Rupert Ezra Nairn was condemned to death in 1968 for the murder of a prison officer in the Bahamas. He petitioned the Queen for clemency and, in considering the advice I should tender to Her Majesty, I came to the conclusion that to execute Nairn might be a mis-carriage of justice. I based this conclusion on the evidence of Nairu's mental state which was such that, had he been tried in the United Kingdom (prior to the abolition of capital punishment) he would probably not have been condemned to death, on account of diminished responsibility. Initially, the Governor, and his local Ministers. could not be persuaded to accept that Naira should be reprieved on these grounds. However, the Governor later agreed to grant a reprieve on humanitarian grounds because of the long delay in carrying out the sentence.

Lord Thurlow is thus mistaken in claiming that the Nairn case was a breach of Creech Jones. To begin with, the decision to reprieve was, technically, taken by the Governor acting on the advice of his Preroga-tive of Mercy Committee. But even if it is accepted that the Secretary of State intervened, this was done on the grounds that there was reason to believe that a miscarriage of justice would take place if the execution went ahead. The action was therefore fully in accordance with the Creech Jones doctrine. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL STEWART,

December 15.

Activities of the Unification Church

From Mr H. A. C. Masters Sir, I refer to the extremely biased article in The Times (December 12) concerning the Unification Church. Although the article is full of twisted half truths, and is clearly an attack on Christianity and the principles of a free society, I cannot let it pass without correcting a blarant misrepresentation of fact as is reported to have been contained in a letter from Mr Finlayson to the Home Secretary.

Mr Finlayson claims that Mr
Jeeves was evicted from his family

house because he would not give up his Christian principles. To put the picture straight, Mr Jeeves was empleased by me as farm manager until Decamber, 1975, when the owner-ship of the farm changed hands. The Community, who then had the management of the farm, then offered Mr Jeeves the opportunity. to work in an advisory capacity for a trial period of six months. At the a trial period of six months. At the end of the period it was clear that his untriencely attitude towards the members of the Community made any idea of working together quite impracticable. The arrangement was therefore terminated and he received over £1,200 redundancy payment.

Because of his father's age Mr Jeeves was permitted to remain in the farm house rent free until his the farm house rent free until his father's death a year later. It was quite turneasonable for him to continue to live alone in a large farm house while others, including a married couple with a family who were working on the farm, were obliged to live in cramped conditions. He was therefore offered an alternative smaller house, which my wife and I had at one time conwife and I had at one time con-sidered retiring to ourselves. Mr leeves stubbornly refused to move the Community took the matter to court and the court ruled that he

should leave.

Whatever Desmond Jeeves's Christen principles may be, he is free to hold them in this free society—like the rest of us—however resrectful this may be to the author of the article.

It is to be hoped that the growing tendency for emerging politicians to knock at religiou and the principles of our free society for personal political gain will receive its just research. should leave,

Yours faithfully, H. A. C. MASTERS, Unification Church, 43-44 Lancaster Gate, W2.

From the Reverend Eric Inglesby From the Reverend Eric Inglesby
Sir, The success of the Unification
Church is a measure of the failure
of the Christian Churches, the
Church of England in perticular.
As a priest recently on the staff of
Plymouli's City Church I made it
my business to meet the "Moon
Sect" and found them bospitable
and sincere but thoroughly misguided about Christ and the Bible.
Their strength lies in the recognition that young people need the

The future of Rhodesia

Sir, Replying to Commons questions on President Kannda's withdrawal from the Angio-American plan for Rhodesia, Dr. Owen said: "There is a choice between continuation of the armed struggle or a negotiated settlement. I believe the Patriotic Front have to be included and it has to be something the struggle of the struggle of the said of the s has to be sought in a climate the world will understand." Has statement predicates two false premises on which British policy towards Rhodesia remains obstinately based

despite the near colleges of the Anglo-American plen.

The first premise is based on the myth that if a Rhodesian settlement is not achieved then the only other alternative is an intensification of the myth that it is not achieved then the only other alternative is an intensification of the mythesis. tion of the guerrilla war. Who is going to intensify the war against Rhodesia? The military forces of the so-called front line African nations

Extent of unemployment From Mr Nigel Lawson, MP for Blaby (Conservative)

Sir, In his article today (December 12) Mr Eric Heffer accuses the Conservatives of being "politically dishonest" in their attack on Labour's memployment record, "hereasts they have the record, "because they know that unemploy-ment has risen and will continue to rise in most Western capitalist countries, and also that Britain's onemployment figures are slightly lower than in most other Western capitalist countries."

This is not so. If Mr Heffer would care to grance at, for example, "Exhibit 1" on page 13 of the MSC Review and Pleasant.

of the MSC Review and Plan, published last month by the Manpower of the Government), he would see that, since 1974, unemployment in the UK has risen faster than in any of our major competitors, and is now significantly above the OFCD approxes. OECD average. Yours, ecc NIGEL LAWSON, House of Commons.

Multiracial harmony

From Mr H. B. Isherwood Sir, If "Mr Humphry Berkeley (December 10) really believes that "it is necessary for all of us to recognize that the only class is the human race, and to proclaim our belief now because tomorrow will be too late", why is he in the Labour Party whose Marxist doctrine for political action is based solely on the need for class warfare?

We all know that mankind is made up of different races, each with its own evolutionary origin, each divided from the other by its historical and cultural background and surely it is necessary, contrary to Mr Berkeley's opinion, openly to ences if social relationships are to be harmonious in a racially divided mmunicy such as England has now.

become. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, H. B. ISHERWOOD. 18 Oaks Drive. Racecourse Heath, Ringwood, Hampshire,

Mrs Lena Jeger is MP for Cam-den, Holborn and St Pancras South, and not as was incorrectly stated in these columns on Thursday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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(Time, 14 June, 1976) Yours faithfully,

M. F. S. BADDELEY,

St James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, W1. December 14.

of total untruth.

From Mrs Alpson Farrow

Sir, It is a trend of cheap journalism

and relevision reporting in recent years for only one side (the most

sensational) to be presented, but I never thought to see The Times

sink so low. The sensational article on the "Moon Cult" was quite incredible and biased to a degree

Your reporter at one of the

group's weekends had several long

conversations with me and she struck me as being very fair minded. Therefore your sub-editing has done exactly what it would accuse the Unification Church of the decimal of the control o

doing, by deleting anything she reported in favour. She met several of the "children" (every member is an adult over 18) and parents

who were in favour of their mem-bership, and also took a long inter-view by phone with me in which I confirmed that I was totally in favour of my son doing his own

thing. I have never made it a secret that I do not go along with several facets of the Unification Church, yet unlike your horrendous reporting

my son has never been restricted from phoning, writing or visiting me. But of course good news is not saleable. For the record my son joined the UC three years back and has been totally happy and quite normal ever since. I may not agree

normal ever since. I may not agree with some of the principles therein, but my son is an adult, he must be free to make his own decisions and

also to spide by them. I would rather have him associating with the

other clean decent living young people, than dabbling in drugs/

the guts to publish the other side

Yours sincerely. A. FARROW,

Exeter,

Devon.

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one really suitable for our purposes

we can make Senators and Congress-

men out of our members . . . I have mer many famous, so-called famous,

Senators and Congressmen; but to

my eyes they are but nothing. They are weak and helpless. We will win the battle. This is our dream, our

But shut your mouth

small groups. These days strictly denominational fellowships do not fill the bill, young people hate labels, but the Churches, by and large, cannot and will not tolerate small interdenominational fellowships for fear of forming splinter groups. The authorities of every Church, in fact, are more concerned with saving structures than saving souls, and until there is genuine Christian Unity at the grass roots, pernicious and heretical religious groups are bound to flourish: the spurious "Unification Church" in particular.
Yours faithfully, ERIC INGLESBY, Spring Contage, West End Gardens,

From Mrs W. P. Baddelev

Gloucestershire.

Sir, I am prompted by your articles on the Unification Church to send you the following excerpts from Mr Moon's speeches to his inner circle as reported in the magazine Time in June of last year. These make clear his curious vision of himself and his cult, and should be of interest to parents and others con-cerned with the welfare of young

Moon on Moon: 'He (God) is living in me, and I am the incarna-tion of himself. The whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and subjugate the world.

subjugate the world."

"Moonism v Christianity: 'God is now throwing Christianity away and is now establishing a new religion, and this new religion is Unification Church. All Christians in the world are destined to be absorbed by our movement. There have been saints, prophets, and many religious leaders... in past human history... Master here is more than any of these people and greater than Jesus Christ himself."

"Obeving Moon: 'I am a thinker.

"Obeying Moon: 'I am a thinker.
I am your brain: When you join the
effort with me you can do everything in utter obedience to me. Because what I am doing is not done at random but what I am doing is under God's command."

"Life with Father Moon: 'You must start over again your new life, from that point denying your past families, friends, neighbours and relatives. You must keep yourselves pure. If you may have to be stained in some way or another it is better for you to kill yourselves than to remain alive. On restoring man from

evil sovereignty we must cheat.'
"Future Plans: 'Once our movement arouses the interest of the people in a nation through the mass media it will spread throughout the world. For that purpose I chose the US. The present UN must be annihilated by our power. That is the stage for the Communists. We must make a new UN. If the US continues

the highly efficient Rhodesian Army. The Marxist regimes in Army. The Marxist regimes in Mozambique and Angola, for instance, only maintain a sheky existence by reliance on their internal security forces. In the guarrilla war, the Rhodesian Army confident have the proper hand—as

war, the Rhodesian Army confidently keeps the upper hand as the recent mauling of the Mugabled guerrillas has shown.

The validity of the second premise involvement of the Patriotic Front in a Rhodesian settlement—is equally dubious. The whole point of that settlement is that it should of the relief the whole point of that settlement is that it should settlement the wiches of the majority reflect the wishes of the majority in Rhodesis—a black government installed as the result of one man, one vote elections; to that end the moderate black nationalists the moderage diack nanonausse-and now it seems Mr Smith—are pledged. But Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo remain shy of subscribing to free elections because they know

Changing police procedure From Mr P. St John House

Sir, The Fisher Report on the Confait case points to difficulties arising out of existing police procedure and makes cortain helpful recommends tions. Two other practices extensively

used should also be corrected. Borb are designed to put pressure on accused people to make statements. What happens is: 1. Arrests are made on Friday after the courts have ceased to sit and the accused is told that as there

are no course until Monday he will be kept in custody until then, imless, of course, he makes a statement. He is reminded of the meal awaiting him at home, his wife and children, att. The power of the course of t etc. The power of an inspector or senior ranking officer to release the accused on bail, is of course not mentioned, or used.

2. When the accused is brought to

court bail is opposed "while further enquiries are made" or for some other reason; but at the same time it is made perfectly plain to the accused that, if a statement admitting the offence is made, opposition to bail being granted will be withdrawn at the pext court appearance. It may well be imagined

A school administrator

3 of the issue of December 12 the statement that the sympathies of the Department of Education and As one who is just retiring from 25 years in such an establishment, which to my knowledge has not been put forward seriously before. very large school are the complete divorce of the headmaster or principal from the individual child, through his need to be both educational chief and managing director of a considerable establishment and the fact that scholarship and administrative flair march all too rarely

What I believe could resolve this dilemma is the creation of a post of administrator, very much on the French lines; this man would act as senior vice-principal and take away from the principal or head-

comments from Mrs Farrow on the Unification Church on December 14. are incapable, logistically and how little support they enjoy among operationally, of posing a threat to the black Rhodesians. Indeed—between their respective excursions to Peking and Moscow—they are on record as saying that power in Rhodesia will only come through the "barrel of the gun"; power that will result in a Marxist or socialist Zimbabwe.

"We did in fact print favourable

socialist Zimbabwe.

It would follow, therefore, that the Patriotic Front has no sutomatic moral right to be involved in a Rhodesian settlement because, politically, it shows every intention of setting up a non-democratic Zim-babwe and, militarily, because after five years of fighting it remains a divided and ineffective fighting force. Yours truly.

D. G. GALVIN, Meadow Bank, The Common, Wonersh, Near Guildford. Surrey.

what an incentive to make a statement it is when the accused learns that, if he is not granted ball because of police opposition, he faces a remand in custody for a period of five to six weeks. (The application to a judge in chambers, which takes time and money, may be no more successful if the police continue their opposition.)

It may appear odd to more robust (and better educated) people that

an innocent person will make an edmission of guilt in these circumstances. Unfortunately it does happen. The magistrates courts deal with the overwhelming majority of criminal cases and it seems likely that what is known to every practi-tioner in the magistrates' courts is not known (or the extent of the problem is not known) to the higher judiciary. These practices have been developed to trap a few social nuisances but potentially they endanger the liberty of many honest citizens. They should therefore be stopped now. Yours faithfully,

master the need to be over-con-

cerned with matters not directly educational I believe such an office

could be tied into the structure of

educational administration whereby

at a certain stage in the life of an administrative officer in a local

authority education department, he

could be appointed for a five-year term as administrator to a big

school: such an appointment I

imagine, would at a later stage

serve as a strong qualification for

promotion to the role of director

or assistant director of education.

From such a structure I am sure the

academic and pastoral roles of a head of a school would benefit on

the one hand and, on the other, there would be a much healthier and closer liaison between schools

and those at county headquarters

who administer them. Yours faithfully,

P. ST. JOHN HOWE, 34a St Thomas Street, Weymouth, Dorset. December 14.

From Mr G. H. F. Broad

Sir. I was interested to note on page Science, as shown in a recent report by the inspectorate, are turning belatedly towards the larger school. would like to make a suggestion. Two of the major problems in the

G. H. F. BROAD, Principal, Burleigh Community College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The fate of the warm spiritual companionship of the Senators and Congressmen no : Lib-Lab pact

From Mr Richard Lamb Sir, How right your leader today (December 15) is in saying that the Liberals ought not to denounce the pact on the issue of the method of elections to the European Parliament I

Important as it is to dedicated Liberals it is a peripheral issue as far as the majority of the voters are concerned and Mr Callaghan had given no specific assurance on this point when the pact was made.

David Steel's great mistake was to agree to a pact which did not contain strong specific assurances from the Prime Minister about infla-tion. For the Liberals to get any electoral kudos out of the arrangement they needed to spotlight that their influence on the Government

had kept prices down.

David Steel should now demand as a condition for continuing the pact that the Government stick to their guns over the 10 per cent intheir guns over the 10 per cent in-creuse in earnings guide lines, and that statutory powers are taken urgently to deal with firms in the private sector who make bogus pro-ductivity deals or otherwise breach the pay limit. Experts now estimate on evidence already available that wage inflation will run at 17 per cent next year because of the Gov-ernment's weakness over Ford and other flagrant breaches of the Pay Code, and from so many productivity

deals not being self financing.

The Liberal MPs are still in a the Liberal Mrs are Still in a strong position because the last thing the Government want is a General Election before the April Budget, and David Steel should demand not only a tougher policy over wages, but also an assurance that our North Sea oil revenue next that our North Sea oil revenue next year will be used for income tax cuts to boost the economy and not frittered away on the projects asked for by the Tribune Group and the left wing members of the Cabinet. If David Steel now obtained an agreement in writing from the Prime Minister which proved inconstructed.

Minister which proved incontrovert-ibly that Liberal influence had put a stop to the current wage explo-sion and that Liberal policy to use North Sea oil revenue for income tax cuts was being implemented, he would not only have acted in the national interest but also greatly improved Liberal chances in the coming General Election.

pern/demos. None of these young tolk are a charge on the state, neither do they indulge in booliganism, and vandelism. Please have Yours truly, RICHARD LAMB, Knighton Manor, Broadchalke, Salisbury, because for the sake of sensationalism your one sided account puts journalism in disrepute. Williahlire December 15.

King Canute

From Mrs Dorothy M. Davenport Sir, I don't feel that James Clark (December 14) will have much (December 14) will have much success in trying to reinstate King Canute's good name. The popular misconceptions of history, like the events depicted on Keate's Grecian urn, are frozen static for ever. Some years back I protested to your crossword compiler that Frankenstein was a Baron, not a monster. to be told that he was now a mons-ter by accepted usage. I have often read complaints by satirists that however obvious their sarcasm someone will take them sariously and Canute would seem to be an

early example of this. However, it seems highly unlikely that this incident with the waves ever did take place and that more probably it is a later invention of Henry of Huntingdon, born about 1085. For an examination of this story and other immortal tales such as Alfred and the cakes, Blondel and Richard Coeurde-Lion, Drake and Richard Coeur-de-Lion, Drake and his game of bowls, George Washington and the cherry tree, and Wellington riding to see Blücher on the eve of Waterloo, may I recommend the delightful pamphlet (no 30) by Robert Birley, late headmaster of Eton, called "The Undergrowth of History", published by the Historical Associapublished by the Historical Associa-tion in 1955 and reprinted in 1969. Yours sincerely, DOROTHY M. DAVENPORT, 68 First Avenue,

Gillingham,

Packer case costs From Mr D. W. Edwards

Sir, Now that the dust is settling around the Packer judgment may I invite some of your learned readers to explain to interested but uninformed bystanders like me how the legal costs of £250,000 are calcula-ted. This seems a good opportunity to remove the mystification which usually surrounds such news items. Yours faithfully. D. W. EDWARDS, 21 Princes Way, Brentward Brentwood,

The courteous gull

From Mrs Christopher Hull Sir, I suspect that the lack of a rear gun turret is the cause of Mr Dawson's gull relinquishing its flag pole (December 7). I have noticed that the incoming gull with well poised beak invariable approaches rom the rear. Yours sincerely, CECILIA HULL, 44 High Street, Wimbledon, SW19.

From Mr Michael A. E. Franklin Sir, I was staying with friends in Jamaica who had about a dozen Peacocks in their garden. Every evening at sunset, I watched these heavy birds fly to their selected perches on the branches of an enormous tree

First one would fly up to the lowest branch then after a pause for rest would fly up the next. Only when the lowest branch was vacated would a second bird fly up to it and so on by rotation up the tree. Never were two peacocks on the same branch at the same time (or it might have broken). At the end of this manoeuvre the whole flock was on the tree for the night, the first bird having reached the very top. Your obedient servant

MICHAEL FRANKLIN, 10 Blomfield Road, Little Venice, W9.

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Air Commodore Sir Peter Vanneck, Lord Mayor

of London, at a Christmas pudding tasting at

Church news

Diocese of Leicester

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The Rev S. Goose, Vicar of S. Lute's, Victor's Docks, diocese of Chilmstone 'Peb 28;
Canon G. R. G. Hewitt, canon resistentiars of Chelmstone Cathedral /April 30; then to be capon emeritus.

Libraries directory

The Northern Ireland branch of

the Library Association has published a new edition of its direc-tory of Northern Ireland libraries on mark the contents of the

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Diocese of Exeter

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with Holy Trinity, Barmstania, to be
Team Roctor of Barmstania; to be
Team Mandalmen. Holy Trinity and
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The Rev A. J. black synchor, curate
of Swinnage, diocese of Sainbury, to
be Vicar of West Alvington with

the Savoy Hotel vesterday.

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Latest wills

Sir Oliver Welby

leaves £1.705.714

Sir Oliver Charles Earle Weiby, sixth berouet, of Granthon, former' ligh Sheriff of Lincolnshire, left £1,705,714 mer.

Offier estates include (net, before tex paid; mx not disclosed):

Jefferson, Dr Keith Edmund; of Bovingdon, Rertfordshire, and Marylebone, London, radiologist

Bullen, Dr Hilda Elizabeth, of Sharptborne, West Sussex

Pulien, Mrs Hilds Christina, of Kingston upon Thames, £111,194

Beckman, Mrs Lily, of Marylebone, London 1217,574

Coomes, Mr Walter Victor, of Blackheath, London ... £364,768

Funeral service

Baroness Spencer-Charchill

The Rev J. E. James officiated yesterday when Baroness Spencer-

vesterday when Baroness Spencer-Churchill's ashes, according to her wishes, were placed in Sir Winston

Oxfordshire.

At the funeral service, which took place privately on Thursday at Hoty Trinity, Brompton, the Rev Raymond Turvey officiated, assisted by the Rev Philip Hayllar. Those present included members of Baroness Spencer-Churchill's family, friends and members of the staff. Cremation took place afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium, wheat he Immediate members of the family were present. The Rev Philip Hayllar conducted the service.

Bev E. G. M. Saunders: 6. Carols by Candiddight.

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CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church

9.30. Festival of Nino Leagues and Carols.

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oper. CITY TEMPLE, Molborn Virduci; II. ev Dr Robert Norris; 6.30, Tradi-onal Nine Desants and Carobs WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckins-em Gale; 13 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T.

the service,



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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December 16: The Queen opened
the extension of the Piccadilly
Line to Heathrow Alsport,
London, this morning.
Having been received upon
arrival at Hatton Cross Underground station by Her Majesty's
Lord Lieutenant for Greater
London (Marsbal of the Royal Air
Force the Lord Elworthy), The
Queen travelled with the Chairman, London Transport Executive
(the Right Hon Kenneth Robinson) by special train to Heathrow
Central station where Her
Majesty declared the extension
open and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

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The Queen was then conducted by the Chairman, British Airports Authority (Mr Norman Payne) on a tour of the Subways linking the Airport Terminals.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr William Hesseline and Licutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a performance of L'Enfance du Christ by Berlioz given by the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society at the Royal Pestival Hall.

Birthdays today

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Dame Mary Cartwright, 77; Lord

Gienamara, 66; Mr Robertson

Hare, 86; Dame Elizabeth Hoyer
Millar, 67; Lord McFadzean, 74;

Sir John McNee, 90; Lord Mestou,

83; Major General Sir Robert

NerBle, 81; Sir Hugh Norman
Walker, 61; Sir Alred North, 77;

Mr J. Murray Prain, 75; Mr

Georgie Wood, 82.

TOMORROW: Sir Neville Ashen
heim, 77; Sir Brian Barsford, 67;

General Sir Edwin Bramall, 54; Mr

J. E. Fraser, VC, 57; Mr Christo
pher Fry, 70; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP,

57; Lord Robens of Woldingham,

67; Major-General Sir Reginald

Scoones, 77; Sir Alexander Sim,

72; Major-General G. N. Tuck, 76.

Glass Sellers' Company On Thursday evening Mr Simon T. Gray was installed the Master, Mr H. C. Cottrell the Prime Warden, and Mr P. C. Festher the Renter Werden et a meeting of the livery in common hall at Stationers' Hall. Among those present were:

SERIORETS Hall, Among those present were:
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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mir John Woodcock, Deputy Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, to be Chief Constable of North Yorkshire.

Mr Carl Wahren, of Sweden, to be secretary-general of the Interna-tional Planned Parenthood Federa-tion in succession to Miss Julia Handerton

Mr M. C. Bradley, aged 33, administrator of a community arts trust in Kentish Town, London, to be chalrulan of Mensa.

Mr M. J. Thompson, president, welcomed members of the Paris Club to a Christmas dinner yesterday evening. Mr J. P. Mardin A reugion of officers of the Paris Club to a Christmas dinner yesterday evening. Mr J. P. Mardin A reugion of officers of the Paris Club to a Christmas dinner yesterday. The following to be members of Awards:

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The Times

Today's engagements

Young Vic Christmas Box, an hour of carols, poems, stories and Victorian games, Young Vic, Waterloo, 11.30. Pestival Hall: Carols for choir and audience, 3-15 and 7.30. Northern Young Contemporaries 1977 exhibition, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Whitworth Park, 10-5. Punch n'ludy, Madame Tussaud's, Baker Street, 12-4. Crisis at Christmas, charity play, Street Theatre, Oxford Circus, 10-12.

Tomorrow

Albert Hall: Bach Choir family carols, 2.30; Alexandria Choir, carols, 7.30.
Crists at Christmas carol concert, Southwark Cathedral, 7.30; carol service, Norwich Cathedral, 3.30.
Visit to destroyer Have Manual Cathedral Honorary degrees are to be con-ferred on the following on June 21: OGL: Lord Harcoun, chairman, Rhodos Trusfees Lord Kearion, chairman, inribin Oil Computation, and the Indian College, proposition of Eight College, proposition of Eight College, proposition of Eight College, proposition of Eight College, pages 19 Satyalit Ray, the Indian film Cattedral, 3.30.
Visit to destroyer HMS Kent by boat from Tower Pier, 2.4.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, "Michael Musken's Christmas Box", programme of fessive and Christmas nusic, 3.
The Queen's silver jubilee gifts, St James's Palace, 12-7.
Walks: a Dickens Christmas walk, meet St Paul's station, 2; 2 London village, Highgate, meet Archway station, 2. director.
DMus: Herr Dietrich Flacher-Dieskau,
the singer, and M Olivier Messioon, the composer.

Deci Professor G. E. Shannon, Donnes Professor of Sciency, Massachusells Institute of Technology, and Professor Janus Strafagolisi, Provient of the Hungarian Academy of Belences.

Middle Temple

The following elections have been made by the Middle Temple for 1978: Treasurer, Mr Jostice Thompson: Deputy Treasurer, Mr Justice Graham.

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One man and his dog on the Twelve Pins of Connemara

The Twelve Pins in Connembra are not very high (Ben Corr, the highest, is not much over 2,300ft), but they are formidable hills to climb, because the top half of most of them is almost sheer rock with very little vegetation, and they provide enough precipices over which one can fall if one is overtaken by mist and loses

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horsestoe of hills.

Another reason for their awesome appearance is their remoteness. Apart from a few abandoned sheep-pens made from loose stones, there is no sign of man's bandiwork on sign of man's handiwork on them. I suppose they are very much as they were when the lee Age ended nearly 20,000 years ago—nothing in terms of geological age, but a vast expanse of time in terms of human history. They looked as if they had absolutely no concern for man. I found them numinous. It is a weak ephemeral would have agreed heartily with me in my sense of awe and humility in the presence of the Iwelve Pins. Man he said, is a weak ephemeral

Forthcoming

Mr G. M. P. Consett and Miss A. L. Bigge

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, youngest son of
Lieutenant-Colonel M. C. W. P.
Consett and the late Mrs M. S.
Consett, of Brawith Hall, Thirsk,
Yorksfare, and Alison, younger
daughter of Captain and Mrs
Simon L. Bigge, of Langdale,
Melsonby, Richmond, Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Dixon, of Balgour, Duming, Perthshire, and Anne, Only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pentifer, of Norron Court, Teynbam, Kent.

The engagement is autounced between James, eldest son of Major and Mrs I. S. Glbb, of Southwood, Grove Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, and Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Mock, of Taplow, Borsham Road, Cranleigh, Surrey.

The Rev A. M. Haig and Miss H. M. Newman The engagement is announced be-tween Allsmir, son of the late Mr

Lord Mayor; Alderman of the Ward of Cordwaloer, entertained, members of the word at luncheon at the Mansion House vasterday. Among the Queets were:

Mr Debuty and Mrs M. H. Oram, Mr and Wr John James, Mr and Mrs J. U. Durain, Mbs Alson Hichards, Mr and Mrs D. N. Engiev, Mr R. T. Wumot and Mr and Mrs T. F. Ackland.

Lady Martin
The Lleutenant-Governor of Guernsoy, Vice-Admiral Sir John Martin, and Lady Martin gave a dinner party at Government House last tight for the Caprain, Lieutenant-Commander C. P. B. Welland, and officers of HMS Guernsey, the new offshore parrol vessel, on the occasion of the ship's first visit to the island.

dup to a christmas dinner yesterday evening. Mr J. P. Mardn delivered the rice-presidents' speech and Mr J. S. Spring spoke on behalf of new members. Among those present were: Miss A. J. I. Birch, Miss C. N. Darroch of Gourock, Miss S. B. Dunlap and Mr N. A. S. Jacob.

M. A. E. Dummett, fellow of

All Souls College, reader in the

philosophy of mathematics, has

been appointed Wykeham Profes-

sor of Logic with effect from

October 1, 1979, in succession to

Sir Alfred Ayer, who retires on September 30, 1978. There will

be an interregnum until Mr

Dummett takes up the appoint-

Professor J. J. T. Owen, head of

register J. J. J. J. West, head of the department of austomy at Newcastel University, has been appointed to the Sands Cox Chair of Anatomy and headship of the department of anatomy in succes-

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CHAPEL ROYAL. St. James's Palace. HC. R.30. M. 11.13. A. Rejoice in the Lord (Redford), Rev. J. R. W. Sioif.
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Services tomorrow:

Fourth Sunday

in Advent

University news

Mr N. H. S. Dixon and Miss A. M. Pettifer

Mr J. F. Gibb and Miss L. R. Mock

Luncheon

Lord Mayor

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Paris Club

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Lady Martin

marriages

way, she did not show the slightest sign of feeling this sense of the numinous, Indeed her strongest emotion seemed Men think by fits and starts, to be one of disappointment. And when they think, they lay to be one of disappointment that there were no traces of that tourist litter which she is used to on English hills. So it

B. Marchant Haig and of Mrs Haig, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Hilary, daughter of the late Canon John Newman and of Mrs New-man, of South Woodham Ferrers,

and Miss L. S. Leatham

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Major and Mrs J. R. R. Holmes, of Devenish Close, Sunninghill, Berkshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. G. Leatham, of Greenbanks, 75 Albert Drive, London, SW19.

Mr A. R. Mitchell-and Miss A. F. D. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Andrew Robert, only son of Mr Malcolm Mitchell and Mrs Rona Andrey Mitchell, of London, and Anna Fiona Dollar, elder

and Anna Flona Dollar, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs N. G. Alexander, of Tyrwaun, Ystaly-fera, West Glamorgan.

and shiss C. M. Driver
The engagement is senousced
between Andrew, only son of the
late Lieutenant N. T. B. Tibbits.
DSC, RN, and Mrs E. D. R. Henderson, of Proxfield, Hampshire,
and Caroline Mary, only daughter
of Mr B. W. K. Driver and the
late Mrs Driver, of Upbam, Hampshire.

The Indian Symkhana Club held a diamond jubilee dinner last night at the Cafe Royal. Mr C. M. Master, president, received the guests. The other speakers were the High Commissioner for India, Mr Barney Hayhos, MP, Mr Devid Lane, Dr Robin Fletcher, Mr Robert Williams and Councillor. Ray James.

Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators

The traditional Festival Service of the Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators was held yesterday at the Church of St Margarot, Westminator. After the service the Master, Mr William Pellew-Harrey, beld a reception in the Palace of Westminator sponsored by Mr J. J. Wells, MP.

A reunion of officers who served with 231 (Malta) Infantry Brigade during the Second World War was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Brigadlers K. Pearce Smith and Sir Alexander Stanier presided.

sion to Professor John T. Eayrs, who has recired.

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Wendy Matthews, BSc

(Lond), home service adviser to the British Gas Corporation, has been appointed visiting reader in the department of home eco-

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mous and sinful, prous and careless. His love is poured our on all his creatures. He clother the wild flower that belongs to no one more gargeously than Solomon ever clothed himself, and he cares for the sparrows that are hardly worth buying in the market Rere is no eighteenth-century deist argu-

knowledge of God.

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He fathers forth whose beauty · is past change. Praise Him.

Anthony T. Hanson Department of Theology, Hull University

statue used as doorstop By Geraldine Norman .

At Book Street Sotheby's were selling oak furniture and carpets totalling £69,555, with 3 per cent unsold. An unusual offering was

vece struck.

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Prom The Times of Wednesday, Dec 17, 1952

Discree of Lichfield
The Rev D. Altock. Chepten of King's Cultree. Taunion. discree of Englan of Shrewshurp School N. Quin, ker of Shrew Green, to be Vicar at St Paul's.

Housing and Local Government, in reply to a number of questions in the House of Commons yesterday, said: The success of the Government's housing policy in terms of houses completed, started, and under construction in 1952 makes possible a further step forward. The Government have always been auxious for private enterprise to supplement and support building by the local authorities. Accordingly from January 1, 1953, it is by the local authorities. Accordingly from January 1, 1953, it is intended to allow any individual to build a house subject to planting permission and by-law consent so long as it is of not more than 1,000 square feet and does not consume more than the appropriate quantity of softwood timber. Subject to the same conditions, builders will be permitted to build up to 12 houses at a time. Local authorities are being asked to issue licences automatically to issue licences automatically both these classes of applicant. Arrangements are being made through the regional officers to secure that the flow of private house building does not prejudice the claim of houses for letting on the labour and materials available.

Science report Medicine: Lung damage

Pottents who seemed to have recovered from complications of reatment with the heart drug praction (Eraddin) have begun to show signs of chronic lung damage, a report in The Loncet says. Praction was introduced in 1970 as a treatment for heart disease but was withdrawn by its makers. ICI, in 1976 after reports that patients on the drug had developed serious side effects on the skin, eyes and instruct of the side of the skin, eyes and forma University, describes internal organs. Some had become bitted. The Lancet's report, from Eristol Royal Infirmary, described four patients who had needed surgical treatment for finiteening of the intestinal liming, and two patients who other symptoms due to praction.

The six have since become pro-gressively short of breath and tests have shown that the pleuts, the lining of the lungs and chest

patients the difficulty in breathing seems to have increased with time. Treatment may be possible, the report says, but the best approach has yet to be decided. Another report in The Lancet, from California University, describes 11 cases of infertiffity among men working in a pesticide factory. The chemical concerned, 1,2 dibromo 3 and chlorpropane, is used for killing parasitic worms, and it is known to cause sterribly in spinals. Tests on the 39 workers at the factory showed that 11 men had low or zero sperm counts. All had worked there for three years or more.

By Our Medical Correspondent. Source: The Lancet, December 16.

OBITUARY

MR ALEXANDER GALICH Songs for the oppressed

Mr Alexander Galich, the in 1972, was that expulsion was Russian poet and song-writer, ordered after a member of the whose recorded ballads in Politburo found that young praise of his country and his people circulated clandestinely in Russia, died in Paris on Thursday. He was 58 and bad from time to time suffered from heart trouble, but according to the French police be was electrocuted by his radio set. Galich was once described as being to Soviet verse what that other Alexander, Solzhenitsyn, is to the novel. A Jew who proudly proclaimed his origin, and whose real name was Ginzand whose real name

berg, he was a popular poet with the younger generation. He became a stage director and playwright, and it was as recently as 1971 that he first came under the disfavour of the authorities, and was expelled from the Union of Soviet Film. Makers and Writers. He was already a member—he publicly admitted he was a corresponding member—of the Soviet Human Rights Committee, of which the dissident scientist Andrei Sakharov was the leading figure. He was also expelled from the financial organization that looked after Soviet writers financial benefits, and by May 1972 was virtually, without a livelihood. It was particularly held against him that he allowed his songs to be published in the West and that he urged Soviet Jews to leave for Israel. One clava repeated by The Times staff correspondent in Moscow already a member—he publicly

£3,700 paid for Egyptian

Sale Room Correspondent

An Egyptian graphite block statue, used until recently as a doorstop in a Scottish country house, was sold at Bouham's yesterday for £3,700 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000) to Robin Symes, the West End dealer in antiquities. The unconsidered doorstop turged out to date from the eighteenth dynasty, about 1450 BC.

It stands \$\frac{3}{2}\text{in bigh and is in the form of a seated man, his bands crossed on his knees. The borders of his robe are inscribed with his name, Amenhotep, and a dedication to the overseer of the divine castle from his son, the royal acribe, Reiny. The figure is supported ou a firsteened oval base.

The mixed sale of oriental works.

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The mixed sale of oriental works of art and antiquities also included, a group of Indian miniature paintings; they are examples of the small and rare Kishangarh school and date from about 1780.

One, depicting two princes seated on a lawn, one feeding a peacock while their horses and grooms await them, sold for £3,000 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000). The others made £2,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500), £1,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500), £1,500 (estimate £1,500) and £550 (£300 to £500). The sale totalled £41,450, with 4 per cent unsold.

An emire day devoted to selling shidio pottery at Socheby's Belgravia structed bidders from abroad and resulted in very high prices. The morning was devoted to a collection of Doukton pottery formed by. Mr Roy Aithen, and a new suction record was set for Doukton at £1,050 (estimate £120 to £180) for a large Sung wase painted by Arthur Eaton with contorted dragons and cloud errolls. The collection made £2,504.

In the afternoon a new saction record was set for a Martin bird group when a triple group of "Two"s Company, Turee's None" made £2,800 (estimate £700 to £1,000) to D. Terrin. The day's sales totalled £53,473, with 1 per cent unsold.

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At Sotheby's Chancery Lane a first edition of James Joyce's Finegans Wake made £500 (estimate £400 to £450) and a first edition of Ulusass £230 (estimate £200 to £300). The sale of nineteenthcentury and modern first editions made 19,893, with 2 per cent un-

unsold. An unusual offering was a set of six oak armchairs of Strawberry Hill Gothic period and style; they made £3,400 (estimate £1,200 to £1,800).

Sotheby's cola sale made £73,566, with 9 per cent unsold. A 37% rouble plees from the \$t Periersburg mint, dated 1902, made £3,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000) to Spink 2 only 225 pieces were struck.

Building small houses Mr. Macmillan, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in

HAT writes :-

Stewart Nicholson, who died on December 10 at Brighton, had been a member of the Institute of Journalists since On completion of his school-

For me, be did much to make an arduous year of office into a happy experience. More also, he enriched the life of the

people were listening to recordings at his own daughter's

wedding party.

In recent years collections of Galich's songs and poetry published in the West included Songs, Generation of Condemned, and Dress Rehearsal. In June 1974 Galich applied for permission to emigrate to Israel, having already been refused permission to visit friends in the United States and undergo medical treatment there. He and his wife were in the end given a week or so to

leave Russia.

Galich, whose early life was spent in Sevastopol, had been born in Moscow in 1919. Soon after leaving Russia he gave a concert at the Commonwealth Institute in London, but although he settled in Paris be worked in the cultural depart-ment of Radio Liberty, the American-sponsored radio American-sponsored radio station broadcasting to Russia, and last month he gare a per-formance of his songs in Vienna.

His personality and his abilities and his devotion to his countrymen suffering imprisonment came through well when he saug accompanying himself on a seven-stringed guitar. It has been claimed that many Russians who are unaware of his identity, sing his ballads in the belief that they are national folk-songs.

GENERAL WILFRED KITCHING

The son of Commissioner Theodore Kitching, for many years private secretary to General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, he was born on August 22, 1893, and educated at Friern Barnet Grammar School.

In his first year of office he became the first General to visit Ghana, Nigeria, Zaire and East Africa, and in 1959 aerablished.

Even as a young man Wilfred Kitching was known as a musician among a wide circle of Salvationists, having had his first compositions published by the age of 15. He sometimes played a portable organ at open m meetings.

Trained as a Salvation Army officer in London he was commissioned in 1914 and served as a corps officer for the next tan years. Subsequent appointments in Britain included those of national young People's Secretary for Bands and National Young People's Secretary for married in 1929.

Army commands in all five continents. He was created CSE is 1964. In addition to his musical compositions he published an autobiography entitled A Goodly Heritage.

He is survived by his widow, nee Kathleen Bristow, whom he married in 1929.

General Wilfred Kitching, tary. In 1946 he was appointed CBE, international leader of the Salvation Army from 1954 to 1963, died on December 15, at Bexhill-on-Sea, at the age of 84.

The salvation is a superior of the South Australia Territory and, two years later, as Territorial Commander for Sweden. He returned to Britain in 1951 to take up

Ghana, Nigeria, Zaire and East Africa, and in 1959 established a similar record by being the first international Salvation Army leader to conduct meetings in Mexico.

Kitching had a deep affection for his people and during his period of high office visited. Army commands in all five continuous the ways crossed CSF in

... MR JAMES H. PAGE

Mr J. H. Page, OBE, TD, elected: a steward of Henley former secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association died yesterday at the age of 77.

James Houghton Page, was born on January 14, 1900, and educated at Dulwich College, where he was captain of shooting and Jesus College, Oxford, where he was captain of boets. where he was captain of boets. pilot officer, serving in India, He was captain of Thames Row. and retiring as wing commaning Club in 1934, and again in 1947-48, but is was as a coach rather than as an oarsman that he excelled.

he excelled.

A pupil of Steve Feirbarn, he coeched Oriel College from rwemy-first place, in 1928, twenty-liest place, in 1928, to Head of the River, at Oxford, in 1933-36. At verious times he coached both Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and many successful Thames crews, as well as St Paul's School, where he was a master from 1926 until 1963.

Freddie Page became honor-

ary secretary of the Amareur Rowing Association in 1952, and secretary in 1963, finally re-tiring in April 1972. He was

der in 1947, when he ORE. He joined the City of London Constability as a special constable in 1993, and was appointed superiorendent in 1963.

School of Needlework, Page was Master of the Broderers Com-pany in 1960, and of the Fier-chers Company in 1971. Freddie Page was one of the

resome rage was one of the streemen who could shoulder an immense load of work, end yet always have time for friends. No one earned greater respect and affection in the rowing world in the past halfcentury. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Glasgow Trades Council as con-venor of shop stewards. In 1925

he was elected vice-chairman, but had to relinquish that post

in 1927 owing to the Labour Party's ban on communists.

Meanwhile he had been chairman of the Glasgow central committee for the General Strike of 1926.

ger marches from Glasgow to London in 1934 and 1936 be-

fore he volunteered to go to Spain, where he became politi-

cal commissar, and in 1938 cor-tespondent for the Duly

He participated in stormy unemployed demonstrations from 1931 onwards and led two hun-

MR PETER KERRIGAN

Mr Peter Kerrigan, former national organizer and national industrial organizer of the Com-munist Party, died on Thursday, He was 78.

A life-long member of the Amalgamated Union of Engin-eering Workers, he held its Award of Merit. In 1926 he led the General Strike in Glas-gow, and he later fought in the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, supporting the Republican government. Ha contested several Parliamentary elections for the Communist Party, mainly in the Gorbals constituency of Glasgow. He became prominent in the

· MR STEWART NICHOLSON

ing he went into backing, but soon left that occupation for journalism, for which he had always had a yearning. His first newspaper appointment placed him as a junior on the old Derby Daily Express, at

three shillings and ninepence a week. After other newspaper duties in the ordinates, he moved to Fleet Street, to join the Daily Graphic, and The Sketch.

From 1936 to 1962, he carried out the arduous duties of general secretary of the Institute of Journalists.
Although his ingrained courtesy was never at fault, it was

never selective. His journalistic experiences had left him with few illusions; and he was no lavish respecter of persons.
While he could not picture a happy career without a sense of humour, Stewart was quick to detect any person who might not find it easy to hough; and he was always indulgent to such unfortunate brethren.

logitute of Journalists

MR KENNETH DILNOTT-COOPER

John Hennessy writes:

The death of Kenneth Dil-nott-Cooper, at any time would have been sad for British ski-ing. His loss when only in his fifties at a time when the administration of the sport is in a state of disarray is grievous. Dilnott-Cooper was vice-president of the National Ski Pederation of Greet Britain, but in his time he held a number of offices, not only at home but also within the councils of the International Ski Federation. In a sport that tends to live on the edge of hysteria at the best of times, his was always a tranquil voice, his adways a moderating hand; his always a civilizing influence.

He was a former manager of the British Olympic team, a role he played to perfection, bridg-ing the gaps between classing personalities and warring fac-tions with quiet charm and Bentle persuasion. He was a successful fund-raiser and was responsible for the appeal on behalf of our team in Inns-He leaves a widow, Winifred, and one son.

Colonel William Clissitt, OBE, TD, editor of the Evening, Express, Liverpool, from 1928 to 1954 and secretary of the Press Council from 1960 to 1968, died on December 13 in his eightierh year.

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wher riot, more serious than tiay's, ended play an hour in the first Test march be lengiant and Pakistan here afternoon. This time the as of the trouble were clearly ical, the supporters of Mrs at Bhutto, who had come to ground before tea, taking the rounty of demonstrating in a dent manner their support for husband's People's Political r. England at the time were or two in reply to Pakistan's imengs total of 407 for nine calm, or relative calm,

hen calm, or relative calm, been restored, and the kies went out to inspect the l. by now littered with bottles, is and stones, they were suffity affected by the tear gas, h had been used to disperse trouble-makers and still hung the air, to decide that no her play would be possible, police, as is usually the case these cricketing disorders, had ned only to aggravate matters in they moved into action. med only to aggravate matters on they moved into action. Saving ben diverted from the gate to the women's stand, it gate to the process of steadying land's inmings after Brearley Rose had been out in quick cession. There being a restriction on the size and nature of the gathering imposed by the tital law administrators, a wif of 30,000 at a Test match wides a rare chance of drawattention to a cause.

irs Bhatto's visit to the cricket ay ended in hospital, where she is three stitches in a head wound to have ben inflicted by a reman's Land. If three stitches in a head would it to have ben inflicted by a reman's Lath.

Ahat will have to be decided torrow, which is the rest day the Test match, is how to ease conditions in which it is sible so have a worthwhile ne of tricket. If that cannot done there will be little point continuing with the tour. The ple one is sorriest for are the c cricket lovers, and there are of of these, as well, of course, the Pakistan team. No one all have looked more crestlen than they did when they to the field this afternoon, with railings in front of the popular and being torn from their kets. Pakistan had bowled and ided splendidly, too, keeping cost at this stretch to survive. I recent English tours to kistan are anything to go by, signs are not promising. In \$3-69, after several weeks of tular disruptions, the last Test tuch in Karachi had to be abanded on the third marking. Five are see, also in the last Test tuch in Karachi, the players had leave the field twice on the rd afternoon, once when the unlames, or Ressan screens, re see alight. But on neither of the coccusions were the team ing on to another country, as y are to New Zealand next wicket.

For England's first wicket ycott and Brearley had added in rather over two hours, though Brearley paid the oundsman the compliment of d in spine of Sarfra's record ainst Boycott, whose wicket he is had several times, it was the ung leg-spin bowier Abdul adir, who caused them the most

other,
Wasim Bari brought him on
her only four overs, with 10
houses to go to lunch, and
unched him with four men close unced him with four men close the bat. This was a good piece captaincy, and Qudir, who is responded well to it, bowling uncely a loose ball and throwing the occasional googly. What is against him was the slowness the pinch and its lack of

Mushtag criticized

Criticism of Mushtaq Moham-id's captaincy of Northampton-ice was made by Peter Arnold, former batsman, at a meeting former batsman, at a meeting rween members and the commit-last night. Arold said: Mushraq lacked communication the players. He attended in the players. He attended it about half the selection com-tice meetings when captain and tracky attended second team of the selection to the selection com-

Arnold added that, in spite of the recent High Court decision on Kerry Packer's players, the Northamptonshire committee had not considered offering him terms as a player next season. Muchtan, himself, has been reported as saying he would not play for the county again. "Counties will be allowed only two overseas players next season and Northamptonshire already have Sarfraz. We hope to sign another overseas player

peci at each other than watching the cricket when Breariey played the slow left-arm spinner, Qasim, to shoot third man. Sent back by Boycott when he started on a single Breariey slipped in turning and was beaten by Wasim Raja's return. Had he been in stude, rather than crepe or rubber soles, Breariey might have got back, but outer stude are seldom worn for batting.

Off the last bad of the next over Rose was leg-before wicker, aiming to play Sarfraz to midwicket. Had Boycott been given our leg-before to Sarfraz soon afterwards, as he nearly must have been. England to Sarfraz soon afterwards, as he nearly must have been. England would have been 60 for three, as it was they were 62 for two at tra. Palistan having played some thoroughly good cricket during the afternoon. In the half hour a play that was possible afterwards Randall three times cut the slow bowlers for four, the last time just before the first chair became air-borne. before the first chair became airborne.

Of the four Pakistem wickets to
fail this morning, before Washn
Bari declared, three were taken
by Cope and one by MBER. Cope's
were his first Test wickets, and
he came mortifyingly close to a
het-rick. Having had Abdad Quitr
leg-before and then bowled Serfraz with his next bell, he had
aix fielders round the bat when
Quitn came in. Pashing forward
to his first bell, Quitn edged it
to slip, where Brearley threw himself forward for what was claimed
a canch and given by the
unpiec as one.

While Come was invention to the

falling Not many fewer people seemed to be throwing orange peel at each other than watching

self forward for what was claumed as a catch and given by the unpire as one.

While Cope was jumping in the air in the style of a boxer who has just won a world tidle, and his colleagues were congratulating him as inough they were his second. Brearley, indicating that the canch had not qubte carried, recalled the batsman, Earlier Cope had had Washn Raja stumped, bowling a faster, wider ball when he saw him advancing down the wicket, and wish six wickets between then he and Miller finished with more to show for their labours than Whils, Old and Lever. In 1972-73, when England last played Pakistan out here, with an attack consisting at different times of Arnold, Underwood, Greig, Cifford, Poccock, Birkenshaw and Ols, Pakistan's tiree first-innings totals were 422; 589 for nine declared; and 445 for six declared. In the light of that, today's 407 for nine declared was just about par for the course.

By way of a postscript, when

hight of that, today's 407 for hime course.

By way of a postscript, when mudasar Nazir reached his hundred yesterday evening he and his father. Nazar Mohammad, joined the Nourses of South Africa and the Pataudis and the Amarnaths of India as the other father and-son combinations to have scored Test hundreds.

Nuzar is one of Palastam's two national coeches. In 1952, against India in Lucknow, he had been on the field for the whole match when Pakistam won it after a quarter of an hour's play on the fourth day. In Pakistam's first innings he carried his bat for 124 not out, made in Shr 30min. In this present match, by lasting for 9mr 35min Mudasar showed himself, indeed, to be a chip off the old stonewalter—or should I say blocker?

Pakistan Parks Innings?

Madasar Mazar, a and b billion. 148

waller—or should I say blocker?

PALISTAN: First Innings

Mudatar Nazzr, a and b Miller .. 114

Esdig Mohammad, I-b-w, b Miller 15

Rhalfque Ahmed, c Rose, b Old

Haroon Rashid, a and b Laver .. 122

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24 Wasim Earl, a Cape, b Miller 17

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Total (8 wins doc) ... 467

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-49, 5-228, 6-278, 7-39, 8-348, 8-378, 7-37, 8-387,

minutes. Thomson and Chris each took a wicker.

Thomson gave one of his finest Test performances to finish with four for Si in 19 overs, od an easy-paced pitch in a heatwave.

"We are more than content with our position now," Bob Simpson, the Australian outside, said at the close of play. "It is a magnificent butting without the instruction."

Bedi won the toos and had no besitation in batting in perfect, but hot, conditions on a pitch that proved to offer little assistance to the bowlers. Indie begun pourly when Clark had. Gavasker rought behind for four with the total at 14. For the middle of the afternoon of spectators were showing their sides of restlessness. Runs for few and, although Brearley are define the odd leg-break see to slip, no wickets were But then India took charge with a fine second-wicket partnership of 149 in 165 minutes between Chauhan and Amarnath. Chauhan, recalled to the side after an eight-year absence, was full of confidence and aggression in a sparkling innings of 88, including 13 fours, in 195 minutes.

Amarnath will and elegant, made fours, in 195 minutes.

Amarnath, tall and elegant, made light of being felled by a short ball from Gannon, a fast left-hander, the ball before lunch. He

went on to master the Australian, attack after lunch in scoring a fighting 90. After Chauhan was out, mistining a sweep off Simpson, a leg-spin bowler, and being

323 for seven after being in com-mend at 224 for two.

Thormon started the slide with a supero display immediately after rea when he took stress wickets in 16 balls. Then, in the final 15 minutes, Thormson and Carris each

irmingham v Everton Blackburn v Millwall Learnington v Southend Biyth Spartag y Chesterfield (2.0) oventry v Arsemil Bristol Rov v Sunderland Carlisle v Chester perby v Bristol City Cardiff v Hall City (2.15) Crewe v Scarborough aswich v Leicester Chariton v Bolton Gillingham v Peterboro ceds v Manchester City Fniham v Stoke Grimsby v Barnsley hiddlesbrough v Aston Villa Oldham v Sheffield Utd Northampton v Enfield

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Television highlights

Football: Preview (12.20) Racing: Ascot races at 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.30 Badminton: International nournament, Bournemouth (1.0, 2.5)

Table Tennis: Leeds tournament
(1.35, 2.40)
Show Jumping: Olympia (3.0, 4.20, about 10.5)
Football: FA Cup draw (5.5);
Match of the Day (about 10.5) 2.45
Wrestling: Hemet Hemostead pro-motion (4.0)

BBC 1-tomorrow

Sydney, Der 15.—David Hookes suffered a broken jaw to provide the only blow to Kerry Facker's which justified the decision to bring in a fourth last, bowler, world series cricket match between an Australian XI and a West Indies SI here roday. He was on 31 when he retired, the nool being 176 for five.

The crowd of 7.520, many of them achool children, was three times as great as on the opening day of the first match he melberg in the first match he was a bitter bourne two weeks ago. But the severe injury to Hookes—a double fracture of the jaw—was a bitter blow to Packer's Australian XI, who betting has already been weakened by the loss of Redpath. Hookes, aged 22, is expected to be out of action for six weeks after being struck by a bouncar from Roberts.

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Hooker's unbeause innings helped the Australians to recover to 251 all out, after being 89 for five. At close of play the West Indians were 33 for no wicker in their first innings.

Hookes and Marsh had out on 87 for the sixth wicket when, in the first over after tex, Hookes missed a hook shot and was hit. He had to be sasisted from the pitch. Indians in command until Procter and Imran give Thomson catches fire world XI lead Perth, Dec 16.—Jeff Thomson's brilliantly caught by Gannon at fast bowling brought Australia backward square leg Australia back into the second Fest match and Viswangth flayed the attack egainst India here today. At the close on the first day, flocia were adopted in a spaking third-wicket parmer close on the first day, flocia were adopted in the first day. by Procuer, of South Africa, and

They seemed fixely to batter the Australian attack into submission when Thousan came on immediately after tea and bowled Viscounties for 35, with a particularly fast ball. In his next over, Amazusth tried to hook a short ball and skied a carch to Gannon at nideon.

Injury to Hookes the only blow

Imrus Khan, of Pekisten, enabled a World ST to take a transmin fine in a world series criciest Country Cup match here today. Procter stammed 36 in 19 minutes and stammed 36 in 19 minutes and Innan 29 in 16 industries as the World XI made 203 for six in their to overs on the first day of the three-day game. Then, before a crowd of 2,807, the Australians replied with 201 for mins in their liest innings. application and size during his 228 minutes at the crease. Then Thomson struck again in his next over, dismissing Fatel for three with possibly his finest ball of the day. It reared memoringly, found the edge of Patel's but and Rixon leapt high to hold the catch.

Kirment and Vengarker then put on 78 before Thomson returned again. His seventh ball litted sharply and Kirmant edged a catch to Rixon. Clark then removed Vengarker, who mistimed a pull and Rixon dived to his left to grasp the catch—his fourth of the innings.

about normal for what could be expected on the first day of anaditional Test march in Sydney Although the crowd proved nearly double the figure of 3,930 to Perth for the first day of the second Test between Australia and India, it is difficult to drew conclusions; from this comparison, Sydney is heady six times larger than Perth.

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Scottish Cup first round Rugby Union brechin v Falkirk Inter-divisional Final Burntisland v Berwick (2.9) Midlands v North (at Twick 2.15). Dunfermline v Clyde London V South & S. West (at Twicker ham (11.15). Caledonian v Inverness Th Raith v Stenhousemair

Scottish premier division

Clydebank v Ayr

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St Mirren v Celtic

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Scottish first division

Airdrie v Hearts

East Fife v Dundee

Hamilton v Dumbarton

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Ho Rugby union CLUB MATCH: Plymouth Aimon Rosslyn Park (2.50). Rugby league

Kugby league
FIRST. DIVISION: Dowsbury
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Bramley (2.50): Rull Kingson Rovers
V St. Hotens (2.46): New Hanslef (
Caulchard (2.50): Salvard v wakenek
Trinity: Warrington Town v Bradford
Leed: Workington Town v Bradford
SECOND DIVISION: Bathry v Ruyron
(2.50): Kelaluey v Whitchaven (3.16):
Bochale H v Donester: York v
Barrow (2.50). NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIORSHIP North (quarter-final found): S George's Winston (at Newcastle, 2.01.

Football

A match of managerial wits as United return to full strength

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
With most first and second division clubs playing five matches
within the next formight, the question of first is particularly important. For some, netably Manchester United, injuries seem
especially debilitating, and even
Liverpool have felt a twinge or
two on these winter days that two on these winter days that make a cutting comparison with Rome in May when they became Rome in May when they became European champions.
Nottingham Forest, having brought a fresh challenge to the sid favourites, deserve to have estaped almost to the season's half-way point without too many disruptions. And when their stalwart centre half, Lloyd, broke a bone in his foot last Saturday, the manager, Brian Clough, immediately spent £140,000 on Needham, a replacement from Queen's Park Rangers who plays his first match against Manchester United at Old Trafford this afternoon.

managerial wits between Mr been fingering his passport for Clough and Dave Sexton. Both were among the candidates for days while Alax, of Amsterdam, were among the candidates for degotiated for a transfer that now seems to have been abondoned. He Greenwood accepted and though they were turned dway it was not City at Elland Road and no ex-

As to the game at hand, Manchester United are able to announce their strongest ream because Buchan, Macari and McIlroy have all recovered from injuries. Mr Sexton, who is not given to boastfulness, said: "If we can get a regular ream together we fear no one and, we gether we fear no one and we can still be among the fittle chasers this season." First they have to make up 12 points on Trafford this afternoon.

There is no reason to think that the alteration will change the pattern of the team, although Lloyd's strength and experience was crucial to their ability to withstand the pressure from more skillful attacks than they met last season. Not that Mr Clough or his assistant, Peter Taylor, are yet satisfied. Mr Taylor said: "We have never had a settled squad in our years together at different clubs. That would be an martiainable Utopia."

Today's meeting of Forest and United will also be a marching of Leeds United forward, who has

Greenwood accepted and though they were turned dway it was not included against Manchester without some words of encouragement. Their clubs were given a special mention when Mr Greenwood talked of the more adventurous spirit spreading through the League. It is expected that Mr Sexton will continue his successful association with the England under-21 side and Mr Clough may find a challenge in watching over the youth team. kept him in tospical last weekend.

Forest's rapid transfer action and Everton's confidence after a run of seven cames without a change could allow them both to move even further ahead of the chasing group of tive clubs who are all on 23 points. Liverpool, leading the pursuit, will have to roarrange, their team against Queen's Park Rangers at Anfield as Smith and Heighway have leg injuries. Hansen is doubtful because of a stomach strain. Howe, bought from Fulham, makes his first appearance in the Rangers defence but the attack will be weakened by the loss of James who was burt when playing for Wales in West Germany.

After quietly climbing towards for Wales in West Germany.

After quietly climbing towards the middle of the first division, Bristol City this week felt jushfied in spending £90,000 on Royle who had been on loan from Everton. Royle has a slight hamstring injury but expects to play at Derby County, If he does his duel with McFarland, himself only just back following more hamstring trouble, should be a heavyweight conject, within an interesting match.

Postman could send Enfield through

Eleven potential spant killers will be on the prowl in the second round of the FA Cup today. The sie between Nuneston today. The sie between Nuneston and Tilbury makes sure that at least one non-league term will go through but mine others will be playing for the glory of meeting a first or second division side in the next round.

None has better credentials than kinfield, the Istimian League leaders, who travel to Northampton. Their manager, Ted Hardy, a market porter, has led his team to an unbeaten run of 3t games,

big chance. We will pley our usual game as it is too late to try to change just for one match. The Northampton pluch should suit us." The man Northampton will have to watch its Bass, a postman, who has scored ZY goods this stason.

Minehead, of the Southern League, await the visit of Exeter City with quier confidence. They will be cheered on by over 4,000 instead of their usual 450 spectniors and the to an unbeaten run of 3t games, schon than most small clubs and tockliding a 3-0 victory over Exeter must be more worded than Wimbledon in the first round.

He said: "We have a very Minchead's striker, Veinch, is experienced side and this is our." Sit him and has scored in every

dreading Sheffield Wednesday's visit to Wigan, who expect to have the biggest attendance of the second round—15,000. Wednesday, who set the Wigan ground record 49 years ago, size Grant, a 17-year-old defender, his first appearance.

Yesterday's football Third division

Rugby Union

Gifford and Adey drop out of Midlands side

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The North warm favourities to week. French missed the avalance of his early injury last warm England's new divisional championships at Twickenbam this afternoom (2.15), should field of their chosen side but the Mid-lands, who oppose them, will be live men short of what their selectors regard as the strongest combination. Misel Horton has commitments in Toulouse and a shrewd reader of the game. Assuming his fitness, French's place in the trial on January 7 camot be it doubt David Croydon, of the Sarscens, takes over at tentre today. Derek Wyatt, of Bedford, too, has pulled out because of hamstring trouble. He has been replaced by Stephen Tiddy, of Roselyn Park.

The morning game signals the

Gifford, who went so well with Martin Cooper when the Midlands beat the South and South West at Bath last Saturday, has broncinits, and Adey is gill interesting conflict at No. 2 beincurved when scoring a try in the England centre, Charles broncinits, and Adey is gill interesting conflict at No. 2 beincurved when scoring a try in the England centre, Charles from that game. Their absence means chances for two of the most promising young players in the group—lan. Feck at scrum-half, and Nicholas Jeavons at No. 3.

Wheeler has decided to give his injured shoulder at least another week's rest, and it may be that he will get back into action when the Barbarians visit Leicester on December 27. Evans still murses a tweaking hemstring; so both he and Wheeler yield their places, for the second week running, to Garry ex and Paul Dodge.

Spectapors who feel like making a day. of it are offered two marches for the price of one, London and the South and South the ball rolling at what many rugby men will regard as the unity rugby

West (last week's losers) starting admiration for him as man and the ball rolling at what many rugby men will regard as the ungody hour of 11.15. Manufual customers will find an already much changed London side now weakened by the withdrawal of about the official England attitude

to dirty play. The chairman of on selectors, Sandy Sanders, said on yosterday that he had told all the England players last year their rough play was out. "I shall a repeat that warning again through the chairman of each divisional side", he added "There were incidents at Bath last week that went beyond what I am prepared to accept and from now on the to accept and from now on the players will know that their places in the final trial, and England team, cound be in jeopardy. Our record last season in this respect was excellent, and I hope that players will continue to show self-control under pressure."

New places await new faces in Europe for the future the Rugby Football

Representative England rugby teams will visit places in Europe other than France next year for the first lime. England B. will play two matches in Romania in early May and England Under 23 will play the full Netherlands XV in a match at Hilversum, provisionally, on May 6.

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The full England national side

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The full England national side will play three matches in Japan and will also visit Tonga and Fig. on a Far Eastern tour in the antumn of 1979. The Japanese union will subsidize half the cost of the Tongan and Figinatism of the rest will come from a form of sponsorship.

Amid all these touring plans

has been asked to contentrate on the principles of rucking; the way back row forwards are coached in New Zealand; and the tech-niques of half back play and particularly, scrum-half passing

The invitation to Mr Freeman arose from the visit this year to the RFU's technical administrafrom tehe New Zealand coach 35 Sir Anthony said. The RFU are help youth rugby in the Avon and Birmingham areas which, if they prove worth while, could be intro-duced elsewhere in the future.

Slough are in no apparent danger

By Sydney Friskin

Slough's position at the top of the London Hockey League, with a percentage of 87.50, seems unlikely to be lost today unless Tulse; now in twelfth position, can turn in a superb performance. There is no serious challenge for Southgate, who should hold second position, but Guild
By Sydney Friskin

trophy two years in succession and the on which date Northern will be at those to Netherfield in the other semi-final match. The West have stolen a march on the others, is a having emerged the champion club in this division.

Some of England's leading players will go indoors tomorrow at Watford for training. As there have no a recommendation that consequence, the situation is ideal can mrn in a superb performance. There is no serious challenge for Southgate, who should hold second position, but Guildford, lying third, will have to work

lord, lying third, will have to work hard against Beckenham.
There is much at stake for Slough this season. They are defending their national flub title and have qualified to meet Guildford in the south final, for which event no date has yet been fixed. In view of the prevailing fixture congestion a convenient date for this match cannot easily be found.

—2 signation arising out of the -a simation arising out of the postponement of the semi-final round by a week in order to await the return of the stars from India. There is another more important objective for Slough—the European club championship in Reccelona from May 12 to 15 next year. Southgate have won the

taken on a recommendation that the London League be split for a trial period of three seasons, starting from 1978-79, into two divisions, with prontion and relegation. Meanwhile the executive committee of the Hockey attraction when the annual two committee of the Hockey attraction when the annual two investigate the struction regarding the London League have set up a joint working party "to investigate the struction regarding the London Hockey League and to make recommendations by I Jamuary 31, 1978".

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National League: New York Wallow.

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Second division

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v Forest Groen Rovers, Barton Rovers

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OTHER MATCHES: Eastcot v Methon, women's Count v Canterbury; Vid-Surrey v Merton, women's Count v Matches. Lacrosse SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE:
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Puricy 'B'. Puricy 'A' v St Rober.
Third division: Barnet v St Heller 'B'.
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Hilleroft 'A' v Buckharst Hill 'B'.
Puricy 'C' v Beckhanham 'A'. FA Cup second round

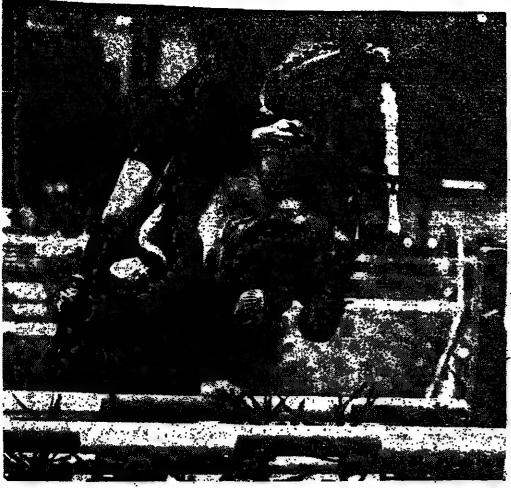
BOWLING (19 date): Thomson, 19— 1—61—4; Clarks 14—0—69—21 Cannon, 13—1—58—0; Marton, 11— 0—55—0; Bimpson, 11—5—50—1—

BBC 2-tomorrow

Show Jumping: Olympia (4.0)

Rugby Union: Midlands v North, London v South and South West (4.50) IBA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Ice Hockey: United States tournsment (1.0)
Racing: Nottingham roces at 1.30,
2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Carterick
Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15,
2.45

IBA—tomotrow Football: Big Magch (2.0)



piece of cake. Berna, clearing the last fence, sets an unbeatable target.

Miss Bradley bakes herself a Christmas Cake in 46 seconds

Caroline Brackey, who as the third-nanking rider in Britain this year was overtaken only by David Broome and Harvey Smith, made her first appearance in the winders, exclosure at Olympia yesterday. Railing Lady Incheape's chestent geiding, Benna, bought in the Netherlands but bred in Ireland as his americanes. nut geiding. Benna, bought in me, hetherlands but bred in Ireland as his appearance strongly indicates, she won the Harris Carpets Christians Cake States.

Drawn first in the barrage, she sat an unbeatable target, clear again in 46sec dead, to win from James Kernan, Ireland's former junior European champion, on Condy (46.9sec), owned by his father, a North of Ireland dealer from Crossmagien, Frank Kernan.

Third place went to a Belgian rider, Caristian Huysegroms, on Katapurte. Nick Skelton, just returned from a highly successful when of the North American indoor in the North American indoor in the North American indoor in the former European champion has forther European champion have for the course, 45.6 sec. But his former European champion have forted at the last fance, course out of a double.

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Alsa Ball, the senior course
builder to the British Show
Jumping Association, who learnt
his craft from the first men to
win the King George V Cop three
times, the late Colonei Jack Talbot-Ponsonby, has acquired a distinguished pupil of his own. Atwin
Schockembine, the European
champion hung up his boots a
the end of last season after 16
years in the West German toam,
with whom he wan a gold medal
in the Roma Clympics and in
Tokyo and Munich.

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Seven women riders from the three-day event world, captained by the 1968 Olympic team gold medal winner, Jane Holderness-Roddam, won the Harris Carpen eventers' match with 12 fault; to 20 against seven male riders captained by Christopher Collins or Stephen's Society.

John Whitaker, at 20 the youngest of four Yorkshire show jumping brothers, who so narrowly missed his place in the last British Olympic team when Ryan's Son stopped three times in the first international competition on the first international competition on the same liouse at Olympia on Thursday night. He received his trooby from the Duchess of Kent.

Eddie Macken, now operating from Ireland, again after three years in Germany, was runner up, with the only other clear round on Boomerang, his golden handshake from Doctor Schnapka, whose horses he rode. Kertigold (formerly Pele) is out in the field in co Meatic, having been laid off since he won at Palermo in the autumn.

Ou Graf, the grey Holstein horse

set on a bend after the double which was the downfall of many which was the downful of many short-striding horses. David Broome and Philoc, Britain's leading combination last season, were mulucky not to qualify for the final, having rolled a pole from the parellel which formed the first part of a one-stride, two-stride treble.

Geoffrey Glazzard was the first to chart the barrage course on the evergreen Pennwood Fornemill, but his good time of 29.7 sec, the evergreen Pennwood Forgenill, but his good time of 23.7 sec, the optimum, was marred by a falling pole from the upright going out of the treble. Then Hendrick Snock riding Gay Lord for West Germany, felled the oxer in the middle of the combination and had another fence down in a time that was five seconds slower.

Michael Saywell on Trevor Banks's Casique had two down, including the last part of the demanding treble, before Macken came safely through the combination to record the first clear round, in 32.8sec, on Boomerang. It seemed as though the Horse of the Year Show was with us all over again, where two momens ago Macken won the International Spurie as the leading rider of the week, narrowly defeating Brooms in the final classified competition. But John Whiseker and Ryan's Son, who has a lickback reminiscent of Will White's 1952 Olympic team gold medal winner, Nissiste, was more than a match for them, clear in a winning time of \$1.6sec.

CARPETS CARPETS CHRISTMAN

Kaoud to protest | Miss Barker spoils the Guerrant radio show

Sydney, Dec 16.—Mona Guerrant, of the United States, baffled tournsment officials today in on effort to improve her game. Playing in the New South Wales open championships, she plunged a small receiver into her ear from timeto time to receive instructions from her husband, Terry.

He was perched high in the stands with a walide-talkie transmitter, complets with a 4ff serial. "I don't know if it's legal or not", Bill Glimour, the tournsment referce, said. "I've never heard of it bappending before."

Mr Glimour told Mr Guerrant earlier in the tournament that he must not speak to his wife while she was on court. Neither of the Guerronts would comment on the she was on court. Neither of the Guerrant conditions of the radio and their ingenuity in using it proved to be of no avail. Mrs Guerrant lost 6-4, 7-5 to Susan Barker in today's quarter-final round.

Miss Barker said she was maware that Mrs Guerrant was sunaware and sunday Abbas Kaond plans to lodge a protest with the Squash Rackets Association over his disqualification from the Dunion Trophy match between the amateurs and professionals at Wembley on Thurstay night. He was disqualified by Peter Booth, the referree, for persistent erguing during his match with Ian Robinson, England's No 2 amateur.

When Knoud was ordered off court, he was two games and 3—7 down. He said: "I have played squash for 20 years and never been disqualified. I will write to the SRA and give my tersion of the match." Persistent arguments over lets and penalty points led to Knoud's dismissal, but Booth was adamant that Kaoud was in the wrong. "It is the first time. I have disqualified a player in my. 15 years as a referee ", he said."

miss Berker and she was maware that Mrs Guerrant was using the radio, adding: "It doesn't worry me. Everyone has coaches, whether they're on the court or in the grandstand", she added. "It doesn't give her a new

S Africa surprise Italy

be inadequate

Paris, Dec 16.—International motor racing authorities have banned the use of the Mosport circuit for the scheduled 1978 Canadian Grand Prix, Pierre Uguex, the president of the sports ruling body, said here today.

Mr Uguex said that the circuit had been found to be inadequate on safety and organizational grounds this year. He said the international sporting commission was awaiting proposals from Canada for another track for the grand prix. Uguex, the president of the sports ruling body, said here today.

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Mr Uguex also formally announced that there would be no Japanese Grand Prix in 1978.

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South Africa upset the second-ranked Italy here in the quarter-final round of the Sunstine Cup, acknowledged as the Davis Cup to the third successive day before eliminating Spain, 2—1.

In the other semi-final round take on Argentina, ranked three, for jumior tennis players. The unseeded South Africans easily disposed of Italy, 2—0, yesterday and now play the fourth-ranked Italy here in the quarter-final round of the Sunstine Cup, archowledged as the Davis Cup to the top seeds, will take on Argentina, ranked three. France beat Sweden, 2—0, but Argentina needed a doubles victory to beat West Germany, 2—1.

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Skiing

Downhill trials marred by injuries on fast course

Val Gardens, Imly, Dec 15.—The Swiss veteran Berdhard Russi, hurthis right knee again here today in the trials for the men's world cup downhill and said he was a doubtful starter for the event on Sunday. Russi had Injured his knee in a fall at Crans Montana, Switzerland, during the trials for the world series downhill two weeks ago.

He had fallen in yesterday's trials, and needed bandages for a gre hand with which he could Grdly hold his pole. He did not coast at the merano hospital said it would take him some three months to return to full efficiency. The Sassionch course is considered the tastest in the world. The Austrians have course at the merano hospital said it would take him some three months to return to full efficiency. The Sassionch course is considered the tastest in the world. The Austrians have called it the "autobahn" or highway because of the speeds it allows.

Fraoz Klaumer, of Austria, the Olympic champion, has won the event on the last four occasions of the race. In 1975 he set the track record at 2min 1,22sec. He has taken it easy in the trials here this week. His time today was only 2:7.76. Michel Veith, of West Germany, was the fastest in the two trial runs of the day in 2:5.18...—AP.

|Combined trophy for Oxford by huge margin

From a Special Correspondent Flaine, France, Dec 16 Oxford swept to victory in the university skining championships here by taking six out of the top seven places in the slalom. Anthony Ayles, of Combridge, came first easily, taking the combined title with a masterful display of slalom technique over a fast, open course on hard snow.

Sandy Russell, however, led the Oxford team in the next six places which were spread over five seconds before Simon Rigby achieved the second fastest time for Cambridge.

Oxford won the Combined trophy by a lung margin.

RESULTS: Slalom: 1. A. Ayles (Cambridge), 1mm 17.1 sec. 2 S. Russell (Oxford), 1:39.3; 3. C. Kryssell (Cambridge), 1:35.8; 3. R. Cook, 1:20.1; 35.6; 7. E. Duwd 12.5.8; 3. R. Cook, 1:20.1; 35.6; 7. E. Duwd 12.5.8; 3. R. Cook, 1:20.1; 35.6; 3 Oxford swept to victory in the

Ghost Writer likely to be haunted | Enigmatic Banlieu has by the rising Midnight Court

Racing Correspondent

For the second Saturday in succession Fred Winter and John Francome look like being at the centre of racing's stage. They won three races at Cheltenham a week ago and today they appear to have an excellent chance of winning another two at Ascot with Midnight Court and Snow Flier.

Midnight Court has been firmly entrenched as favourite to win the Midnight Court has been firmly entrenched as favourite to win the SGB Handicap Steeplechase ever since betting began on the race earlier this week, even though it is possible to make out a case for Ghost Writer. At Ascor last month Midnight Court beat Ghost Writer by five lengths when he won the Kirk and Kirk Handicap Steeplechase over today's distance and this afternoon Ghost Writer will be meeting him on 10th better terms.

Some would consider that to be a sufficiently big advantage to enable Ghost Writer to get his revenge, especially on a course where he has excelled so often. But by all accounts Midnight Court was more impressive than even the wide margin by which he won might suggest, and in the circumstances I will not be surprised if he manages to beat Ghost Writer again. Midnight Court is four years younger than his rival and still improving.

Whatever else he achieves, Ghost Writer should certainly manage to

and Exeter

12.30 (12.31) Kentron STEEPLE CHASE (Hendicap: £654: 2m ,4071

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-7 ... R. Atkins (11-2)
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irmer . P. Haynes (5-4 fav)

Whatever else he actieves, Ghost Writer should certainly minage to beat My Friendly Cousin and valabaloo. They were both behind him at the end of the Kirk and Kirk Steeplechase and he will be meeting them on the same terms. Tim Forster won today's main race for the first and only time in 1973 with Mocharabuice, and in an attempt to win it again he is saddling New Formula as well as Master Spy. With Graham Thorner in the saddle, Master Spy is his first string.

Results at Devon | Ascot programme

Autumn Rain at Worcester at end beginning of November, Master Spy has a good chance of even beating Midnight Court. How-ever, he dropped out of the race for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup rather tamely later in the month and I prefer Midnight Court, whose record this season speaks for itself.

Winner is understandably keen to win the Killiney Novices Steeplechase with Snow Filer for his owner, Enid Boucher, because the race is named after her very promising young steeplechaser who made such a large impact during the winter of 1972-73 before he was fatally injured in a fall at Ascot that soring. And in spite of the fact that the Black and White Whisky Gold Cop winner. Artifice, is also in the field Winter should achieve his voal. Winter should achieve his roal.

Artifice must give Snow Filer 10 Ib and unless Winter is guilty of making a collossal misjudgment Snow Filer could turn out to be a horse capable of giving as much as 10 Ib even to a horse of Artifice's class. Winter's eyes light up when he talks about Snow Filer, who he has always maintained could be a horse capable of winning the Gold Cup at Chelienham one day.

Last season Snow Filer ran only once, but even then he did enough to suggest that his trainer was not barking up the wrong tree. Indeed his second to Border Incident at Ascot was onlte suf-

tree. Indeed his second to Border Incident at Ascot was quite sufficient to suggest that he would reap a rich harvest during the coming weeks. Unfortunately Snow Filer injured himself soon afterwards and Winter had no option but to forget about him Eventually Snow Filer made his long and eagerly awaited reappearance at Chepstow a formight ago and duly lived up to the lavish

praise that has constantly been showered upon his head. Admittedly he may not have beaten much, but there was no mistaking his great potential and it will be both surprising and disappointing if he fails to win again this

afternoon.

If Decent Fellow is to win the Irish Sweeps Hurdie at Leopardstown on December 27 he must first win the SGR. Hire Shop Hurdie. Last season he won four of his six races before proving capable of also winning a race as tough as the John Porter Stakes on the first at Newbury in April. Running scain for the first time under National Hunt rules this season, Decent Fellow won the Berkshire Hurdie at Newbury last mouth. That race showed that he

own on December 27. Meladon who heat Decent Fellow by three who peat becent reliew by integraters of a length in last season's Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, is second in the betting at 4-1. Another home-trained contender, Rare Gold, is the best

only himself to beat

David Morley is launching a powerful raid on Nottingham this afternoon. The Bury St Edmunds trainer's best chances would appear to lie with Havanus in the Ouzo Novices Steeplechase and Banileu in the Stan Mellor

Cup.
Havanus, an outstanding young inurdler two seasons ago, showed that he had taken well to fonces what he had taken well to tendes when beating Line Shooter easily by six lengths at Newbury. The form is suspect as the runner-up has disappointed twice since then. But Havanus was backward in condition and totally unfancted by his connexions. On the five-year-old's next outling at Ascot, he was cantering in the lead some 10 lengths clear of the eventual winner, Pavement Artist, when he winner, Pavement Artist, when he lost his concentration approaching the last jump and fell. Considering that Pavement Artist had already won five of his seven completed outlings over fences, it was no mean achievement for Havanus to have been travelling so smoothly at the time of this disaster.

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King Wessel will make a formidable annagonist. His trainer, Peter Easterby, has already saddled this Irish import to capture four novice steeplechases in succession. Apart from his defeat of Checkov at Wetherby, King Weasel has beaten little of account, but could hardly have accomplished his job in easier fashion, King Weasel is the most experienced of the two rivals and his form over hurdles in Ireland last season was about the same ar Havanos's in his country.

Havanos's in his country, however, appears to have by far the greater potential.

Apart from that one lapse at Ascot, he has jumped quickly and accurately and is a firm

Ascot selections

beat, Banlieu has only himself-to overcome in the long distance; handicap. The seven-year-old only races when he feels like ir. Judged on the basis of his only, outing this season, when fourtis-to Bachelor's Hall, in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Band-lieu is easily the pick of the weights.

weights.

But last year after finishing third to Zeta's Son in the bird race at Newbury. Banlien fasled; to win this race. He only decided to run between the last two fences. Finishing like a train, he was beaten a neck by Irish Tony. In the hopes that Bob Davies can persuade the gelding to pick up his bridle at an earlier stage this afternoon, Banheu is taken to prove too good for Rouring Wind, and Fettimist.

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In the day's most valuable event, the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier, Morley runs Tragus, a gelding who revels in the prevailing soft ground. The winner of five races last season, Tragus is still reasonably handly capped, and ran like a horse returning to his best when fifth to Tara Dream at Ascot, Grittar and Son and Heir should also give good account of themselves, but my idea of the likely wanter is Josh Gifford's Southern Darling, who also shaped like a future winner when third to Staccato at Towcester. That race was over two miles, and over this afternoon's louger distance Southera Darling's stamina may gain the day.

cern Double Bluff, who has twice been beaten since winning at Leicester and The Tista who would have made Royal Major fight harder for his money at Market Rasen,

2.30 FROGMORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,875: 2m)

3.0 HAMPTON COURT HURDLE (Handicap: £1,147: 21m) Off)1-0 His Top (S. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 8-19-0 Mr E. 13-300 Timbes Rixins (Mrs A. Wates), A. Wates, 5-11-12 1-14012 Twidele (D) (Mrs G. Rees), J. Wilson, 4-11-10

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.15 John Cherry, 12.50 SNOW FLIER is specially recommended.
1.25 Decent Fellow, 1.55 Midnight Court, 2.30 Early Spring, 3.0 Bilston, By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.15 John Cherry.

1.30 JOE CORAL HURDLE (Qualifier: Handicap: £1,923; 23m)

20 STAN MELLOR STEEPLECHASE (Hendicap: £1,550: 31m)

2.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifier: 4-y-o: £1,482: 2m)

12.30 Take Aim. 1.0 Havanus. 1.30 Southern Darling. 2.0 BanHen. 2.30 The Tista. 3.0 Shore Captain.

12.45 Crystal Halo. 12.45 Drummossie. 1.15 Nevertheless, 1.45 Fair Kitty. 2.15 Wylam Boy. 2.45 FLYING HUGUE is specially recommended. 3.15 Wayland Prince.

3.0 LINKSLADE HURDLE (Handicap : £569 : 2m)

By Our Racining Staff

1.0 Havanus. 1.30 Tragus. 2.0 Banlien. 3.0 Rilke.

Nottingham programme

12.30 TON UP HURDLE (4-y-0: £333: 2m)

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 OUZO STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £995 : 2m)

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1.25 SGB HIRE SHOP HURDLE (52,863 : 2m)

12.50 KILLINEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,634: 2im)

[Television (BBC1): 12.50, 1.25, 1.55 and 2.30 races]

12.15 LONG WALK HURDLE (£3.059: 34m)

110-6 &t Terbay (D) (Esses Convent).

1.55-SGB STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £4,708 : 3m)

Catterick Bridge programme [Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]



2.15 HUDDERSFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £937: 2m) 2.45 GUS CARTER HURDLE (Handicap : £844 : 2m)

3.30 (3.32) CHUDLEICH HURDLE
Div II: part III: novices: £240:
2m 40yds)

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Seneville P. Leach (3-1) 1

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ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Lord Toby. 3-1

Mount Irvine, 10-1 Curvagights.
Fertition, Tudor Waltz, Agache Belle

10-1, 20-1 Professor Plum, Caroli. 12

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TOTE: win, 46p: places, 14p. 67p. Senoville 12p. Knock Hard Again 47p. Dual forecast, Beluga Boy with any other horse, 53p. F. White, at Lambourn. 11. mk (deatheat). General Forecast did not run.

TOTE DONIBLE: Levanhine and Mr. Brialphi, £17.20: TREBLE: Spider Man, Go Brookhire and Magic Note, £3.05. 3.15 LEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (Div II: £536: 2m)

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Fidler on the Hoof

R. Barry (100-30) 2

The Fencer G. Faulkner (5-2 fav) 3

Nottingham selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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3.15 Merchant Tubbs.

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff

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BSC makes drastic cut in scrap requirements for the next three months

Deliveries of strap to British itee! Corporation | plants the largest single customer of dustry, private sector steel the strap cut to a trickle for the iron fundatory taking about makers and the export market largest three mouths of next year.

The British Scrap Padaration The British Scrap Pederation, whose officials had talks with corporation executives vester-day, said later it was estimated that the BSC would be requiring only between 8,000 and 10,000 tonnes of scrap a week in the first quarter of next year. This is equivalent to the normal intake of one mini-mill that makes steel from scrap fed into en electric arc furnace. BSC executives refused to clarify the requirements.

Deliveries to the BSC will be

the lowest recorded in its 10history.! The cutback is a further illustration of the crisis facing the corporation. Losses for the first half of the present financial year amounted to £201m, and for the full year are expected to be at least £500m. expected to be at least £500m.

After the meeting Mr Roy

Boast, executive vice-president further reduction in its buying to expand their sales to third prices that will make the colreflected the financial constraints on the corporation to scrap uneconomic.

Here the burden on its strained finances, strained finances.

Strained finances. **EEC** rejects

'trigger' plea

From Our Own Correspondent

on steel

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cessors will have to seek to develop their sales to overseas markets where the competition is intensifying.

This is a further blow to scrap processors who have aiready had 18 months of reduced demand and falling prices and is bound to increase the number of redundancies in the industry", Mr Boast said. The federation whose 620 tembers account for the bulk of the United Kingdom scrap-industry, has so far not been of any bankruptcies, but the numbers of workers The industry will be reduced to about 40 per cent of its normal capacity by the BSCs delivery curback. There are fears

Some private sector steeltheir deliveries of scrap, but processors are looking to mini-mili developments, particularly those of Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds and the Greek backed ven-ture. Alpha Steel in South Wales, as a way of reducing the impact of the corporation's cut-What has particularly con-

cerned the scrap industry is the BSC told processors that it didnot expect to drop its requirements to below 35,000 tonnes a week. But with demand for steel extremely weak the cor-poration has built up substantial stocks which provide a fur-ther burden on its already

Tokyo trade reforms not enough, EEC says

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Dec. 16 Britain, France and Belgium are heading for a clash with the European Commission next week on demands for a trigger were welcome bur insufficient by themselves to turn round price system for steel imports on the lines proposed in the United States. The commission today rejected such a course for the immediate future.

Speaking at a press conference here, Viscount Etienne, Davignon, the EEC Commissioner for Industrial Policy. argued that negotiated agree-ments, rather than the uni-lateral fixing of import prices, tions, and Mr Roy Jenkins, was the best way to protect Community steel manufacturers against undercutting by foreign President of the European Com-mission, and other senior EEC compeditors.
This recommendation, along

Commenting on the discuswith other measures conceived as the second phase of the Comsions, Sir Roy Denman, director-general of the Commission's external affairs department, said mission's "anti-crists" plan for the stricken industry will be put to EEC foreign ministers here next week. Ushiba that the Wastern world's commitment to trade liberalization could be fatally under-The commission argues that, er exporter of steel the of the Japanese surplus was not justified in resorting to a refer-

ence price for imports without major suppliers to accept com-mon price disciplines. Otherese have promised to announce

Representatives of the EEC These, it is hoped, will told the Japanese here today simulate Japanese economic that their tariff cuts and other trade liberalization measures European manufactured goods. It is understood the Japanese were welcome bur insufficient by themselves to turn round Japan's huge surplus in its commenture with the Community which is expected to reach specific community rate from a level of about 5 year.

Problems created by the surplus were at the centre of the discussions between Mr Nobunits Ushiba, Japan's Minister processed food and confections, and Mr Rois Japanes to 35 per cent are imposed, to 35 per cent are imposed.

to 35 per cent are imposed, and quantitative restrictions on

and quantitative restrictions on imports of shoes.

Mr Ushiba was sisp told that a decision by his country's siglines to buy the European airbus would be a welcome sigh of Japanese recognition of the world's biggest trading block. Eight-point plan: In Tokyo further details of the Government's eight-point plan to cut the trade surplus were announced. These covered the Unless the Japanese recog-

the trade surplus were announced. These covered the measures to increase imports by easing their financing.

The Bank of Japan is to increase the foreign currency which it makes available to commercial banks to encourage greater foreign—currency financing of imports.

The Export-Import Bank announced a new financing system—with a lowered interest rate Unless the Japanese recognized the gravity of the situation Sir Roy said the western worls as a whole, the Tokyo Round, and the future of an open trading system would be at risk".

He made it clear that the EEC is pinning its hopes for action to redress the trade imbalance mainly on a set of macro-economic measures which it makes available to commercial banks to encourage greater foreign currency which it makes available to commercial banks to encourage financing of imports. The Export-Import Bank an involved a new financing system—with a lowered interest rate of 44 per cent—for imports of goods in the national interest.

soon by Elliott group chairman .

man of Elliott Group of Peter-borough, has said he will resign by the end of the current financial year. Elliott is the building com-

pany whose directors made controversial share sales after announcing a big Saudi Arabian order which did not materialize. Two non-executive directors. Mr I. D. Waterfall and Mr. J. R. Grimsdale, have already resigned.

Both made substantial sales of Elliott shares. Institutional shareholders expect that Mr Smeeth's resignation will come in three rather than 12 mouths

months."

This follows a meeting on Thursday of institutional share-holders at which the company was asked for assurances about its present financial position and trading present.

who was appointed non-execu-tive deputy chairman of Elliott in Abgust, said that the institu-tions were happy with the half-year rading position ... Last week Elliott revealed a £247,000 loss for the year to the end of September.

the end of September.

Two new appointments have been made to the Elliott board, with the agreement of the institutions—Mr T. H. Ison and Mr Paul Smeeth, chief execusives of Sharp Brothers & Knight and Elliott Medway Construction, respectively, the two main divisions of the group.

Mr Paul Smeeth is Mr E. L. V. Smeeth's son. It is thought that

Smeeth's son, it is thought that he does not hold any Elliott shares. Mr Houston stressed that the appointment had been made because of Mr Paul Smeeth's performance at Medway Construction. He added that he thought the company now had "a strong and appropriate

It is understood that the institutions represented at Thursday's meeting did not press for Mr. E. L. V. Smeeth's resignation on the ground that it was necessary to ensure continuity between the old and new if was necessary to ensure continuity between the old and new boards. Mr E. L. V. Smeeth still holds nearly 190,000 shares in the group.

The board refused to accept his resignation "as it does not consider this to be in the present macrests of the group".

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Resignation | Opec meeting expected to go ahead despite failure to end pricing split

From Roger Vielvoye Caracas, Dec 16

Venezuelan government officials are fairly certain that next week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will take place, despite earlier fears that the price-fixing conference might have to be postponed. First of the ministerial dele-First of the ministerial delegates, M Edouard Alexis
M'Mbouy-Bouzit, from Gabon,
is due to arrive this evening and
Mr Ali Jaidah, the Opec Secrerary General, may fly in after
a visit to Ecuador, the only
other Latin American member
of the exporters' organization.
Mr Ezzedin Mabruk, the Libyan
all minister is also due here

Dr Valentin Hernandez, the Venezuelan oil minister, is still in Europe where he has been trying to ensure a compromise on the pricing issue or at least offer Opec members the chance

market deals

Dealing was much quieter

on the foreign exchange mar-

kets yesterday as they paused

for thought after this week's

The yen weskened a little against the dollar after the announcement in Tokyo of further details of the Govern-

ment's plan to reduce Japan's trade surplus.

There was much less pressure on the Deutsche mark than earlier in the week, although the dollar slipped 20 points on the day in a thin

strongest gains on the day, rising to a new high of 2.058 Swiss francs against the dollar. There was a sharp increase in the Swiss official reserves as a result of the

in money

By Caroline Atkinson

pened in Oatar last year From reports reaching the government in Caracas it is efforts to prevent last Decem-clear that Opec is still a long ber's split. However, the key way from the hoped-for agree-ment over pricing but none of President Carlos Andres Perez the members is keen to post-in ending the two-tiered price pone Tuesday's meeting.
Saudi Arabia's insistence on

an extension of the price freeze supported by Iran, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, is matched by Iraq and Algeria's argument for substantial price rises.

In the middle are the remaining six members, including the host, Venezuela, who would be prepared to settle for a 5 per cent to 8 per cent rise, or have not made their views known. For Venezuela, which has a residing for arrive as readily. tradition for acting as a media-tor in this type of dispute, the lack of any softening in atti-

Calmer tone | Price increase pleas

By Derak Harris Commercial Editor

More companies could re-

duce the frequency of their price rises, possibly working to

as much as a 12 months inter-val, Mr Charles Williams, chair-

man of the Price Commission, said yesterday.

"We are studying how we can push the old three-month interval, which the previous

price code tended to encourage, not only to six months but in

as many cases as possible to a 12-mouth interval ", he said.

Mr Williams was commenting on the Commission's first quarterly report since it began operation in August.
It showed that fewer com-

panies were applying for in-creases at frequent regular in-

tervals. The number of com-panies notifying a price rise within three months of their last had fallen to one third of

earlier levels.
But there could be a number of factors at work, the report pointed out. Lower costs and

increased competitive pressures could have had some effect and so could a company's disinclination to run the gauntier of the

become less frequent

of postporing the Caracas Political circles here want meeting rather than face Venezuela to continue this another public split, as hap peace-making role and there has been mild criticism that Dr Hernandez did not make greater system has muted this.

Already there is speculation that the prices issue could be removed from the agenda and deferred until an extraordinary meeting of Opec in late winter or early spring. In effect this would mean that 1977 prices would continue into the first quarter of next year and go part of the way to meeting the moderates' demands.

But unless there is an unexpected upturn in demand for oil, postponing the pricing deci-sion until next year would merely defer the inevitable clash between the doves and

and October were running at only 215 compared with 578 for previous months this year and 652 a month for 1976.

Mr Williams said he was

happy with the results so far of the new Commission's work.

In the three months 30 price

Five large distributors had

been wild to eliminate excess profits rotalling £344,000. These were Hirachi Sales (UK), Sedis,

Dolland and Aitchison, Randalis Group and J. R. Philips.

Mr Williams emphasized the

drawn and 20 modified.

Cigarette groups plan king size bonus offers

By Patrica Tisdall Incentives giving smokers the equivalent of a 40 per cent price reduction on king size brands are being prepared by the big cigarette producers in readiness for a new tobacco tax structure due to come into

effect on January 1. Imperial Tobacco, which pre cipitated an industry price war last year, is offering smokers of its John Player King Size brand 40 cigarettes free for every 200

an even bigger scale is due to be announced for Player's No 6 at the beginning of next week.
W. D. & H. O. Wills, Player's w. D. & H. O. Wills, Player's sister company, has just com-pleted a limited offer which gave away 40 Embassy No 1 free for every 100 bought. The discounts are intended to stop smokers drifting to rival

manufacturers' products when the new tax system closes the price gap between king size cigarettes and the smaller brands. orands.

If applied evenly by the manufacturers across the five main sizes of cigarette, the new method of tax collection would

A list issued by Imperial Tobacco yesterday increases the price of five of its smaller size brands by between 6p, almost 14 per cent, and 1p, almost 2 per cent, from Jenuary. But the prices of five others remain unchanged.
As an alternative to reducing

long-term nature of the Com-mission's work in changing the recommended prices, the con pany has opted for "givesway atmosphere in which price rises were decided. Not all companies would be able to achieve longer intervals

between price rises and it was a question more of moral persuasion rather than using the Commission's legal powers to effect the change. However, if companies made price applications at what

tion is falling. But it was agreed that the amount of the increases is a matter between the brewers and the Price Commission, and it was up to the commission to decide whether the notifications should be investigated.

The outcome of the meeting is something of a victory for the brewers, who had feared that an arbitrary price freeze would be imposed. However, they agreed that the frequency with which increases had been sought was undesirable.

seemed too short periods of time it could influence the Cominvestigate a company applying

in theory mean a 10 per cent reduction in the retail price of king size cigarettes and an equivalent increase in the price of the smaller varieties.

or me smaller varieties.
Instead, Imperial, Gallaber
and Carreras Rothmens, the
three big producers, have
chosen notto change the recommended price of king size
brands.

By giving away free cigar-ettes on top of a discount on the recommended retail price. Imperial managed to build seles for John Player king size to a peak of around 15 per cent of total king size sales. But when the offers were discontinued sales slipped back heavily.
However W.D. & H.O. Wills reckous that the givesways have managed to divert the drift away from their intermediate-sized Embasay brand to the

criticized the brewers' custom

of seeking increases every three months. This, it pointed out,

had caused widespread com-plaints. The report was also severely critical of the struc-ture of the brewing industry, and questioned the desirability of its future investment plans.

As a result of yesterday's meeting, brewers agreed to

cooperate with the Department of Prices and the Ministry of

Agriculture in a joint inquiry into the industry's, tied house system, local monopolies and brewery ownership of retail

Brewers' Society that the Government was unlikely to look

favourably upon future merger proposals among the brewers.

outlets. Mr Hattersley told

first trying to negotiate price agreements with foreign sup-pliers. Only if these failed would more drastic action have to be cent 1999. considered. · Viscount Davignon said the Commission would ask all

By Ray Manghan Dalgety, the agricultural and merchanting group, has agreed to pay £10.1m for Federated Chemical Holdings. The bidder

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would have to be taken.

is proposing to exchange 33 of its own shares for every 190 ordinary and deferred shares. With Dalgery down 4p to 206p yesterday, Federated is valued u 68p per share. This compares with a pre-bid price of 50p and resterday's quotation of 60p, down 3p. A principal holder of Feder-

appropriate measures

ated equity is Croda Inter-azional, with a 15.38 per cent stake, whose chairman Sir Frederick Wood controls a fur-ther 6.82 per cent. It is believed accept Dalgety's terms. Before the deal goes ahead, however, Federated has been requested to dispose of its

12.82 per cent stake in the Group. The two other shareholders

Imperial Chamical Industries and Lead Industries Group, have indicated that they would prepared to buy Federated for £8.4m in cash which would include payment for the dividend and Federated's share of the subscription to the £10m rights issue that Tioxide held-

yesterday.

Federated is a distributor of chemicals and allied raw materials for leading inter-national producers in the market, North continental Europe domestic and the Far East. Its manufac-

turing arm produces a range of organic and inorganic chemicals and pharmaceutical specialities. It made pre-tax profits of f3m in 1976 to which its share of Tioxide profits amounted to 22.4m. Net assets were £9.83m at the balance sheet date and in the subsequent six manchs has been in the subsequent six months, se of irs profits grew from £358,000 to £1.67 m.

Two other Although Federated will remain autonomous, the bidder

Dalgety to pay £10m for chemical group expects considerable benefits for its ABM Chemicals sub-sidiary from the development of Federated's marketing, manufacturing and procurem pertise within an enlarged chemical division. Further chemicals expension

planned which is hoped to take turnover from this source up to about £75m with poten-tial pre-tax profits of £3m. At the same time, Dalgety has made a £790,000 cash offer for George Sellar & Son which manufactures agricultural implements and machinery. A distributor for International Harvester through six sites in Scotland, Sellars turns over about £6m annual and employs

100 people.

Again, its identity will be retained but it will form part of Dalgety's agricultural division. where the existing turnover is about £25m annually. Dalgety already distributes Internations Harvester equipment in 16 sites in East Anglia and Hampshire.

£800m Treasury stock given 22-year maturity

The Government's pre-Christ-mas offering to the gilt-edged market is to be a new perdy-paid long dated stock, £800m nominal of Transury 101 per

cent 1999.

This stock, which is being priced at £95 per cent overall, is payable as to £15 per cent on application next Thursday, £40 per cent on January 9 and £40 per cent on February 6,

per cent on February b,

Although the gross redemption yield of 11.12 per cent is marginally lower than that offered on the nearest equivalent stock, Exchequer 10½ per cent 1997, it is generally felt the stock could still go well provided the firmer trend in the market continues into period. the market continues into next

Also in its favour is that it is the first of the 16 issues covering the present financial year to have a manurity running peyond 20 years.

Tax recovery

Introduction of the controver-sial "714 scheme"—designed to tackle tax abuses associated with the "lump" in the build-ing industry—has led to a sub-stantial reduction in loss of revenue, Mr Sheldon, Financial Secretary at the Treasury, said in a Commons reply yesterday. Last month, building employers called for a substantial modification of the scheme which, they claimed, imposed heavy and costly administrative burdens on the industry.

ing rate at 72 per cent, but

Citibank prime rate held at 7¾ pc Citibank announced in New York yesterday that it is hold-ing its prime commercial lend-

of an upward move soon in in-terest rates levels following publication of the latest money supply figures.

According to the Federal Reserve Board the narrowly defined money stock, known as M1, rose \$1,800m in the last week On a \$1,600m gain in the previous week after the M2 basis money stock rose \$2,500m. compared with \$2,000m a week again.

Rolls-Royce ban lifted.

Workers at the Rolls-Royce sero-engine plant at Billing-ton, Glasgow, yesterday voted to lift a month-old overtime ban posed in support of a 25 per cent pay claim.

The vote followed an ultima-tum to the 3,000 Hillington wor-kers and another 1,500 at East Kilbride that they would be laid off if the ban continued. Bast Kilbride workers will decide on Wednesday and manage-ment has agreed to defer the The company has offered an immediate 10 per cent increase followed by continued negotia-

Legislation pledge

Proposals for the licensing and supervision of deposit-taking institutions, outlined in a White Paper in August 1976, will be given legislative force as soon as parliamentary time available. In a written parliamentary

answer yesterday Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said draft clauses would be published later this session to "allow further consultation with those involved ".

Dearer beer soon but 'fewer rises later' are indications that larger increases, of possibly up to 4p, will be sought on of seeking increase that months are increased for longer. Mr Hattersley is hoping to parsuade browers to hold prices severely critical for at least a year on the increases are too is falling. But it was agreed that the amount of the increases. As a result

A warning that beer prices would have to be raised in the new year, was issued by the Brewers Society yesterday toseries with an assurance that future increases would be at less frequent intervals.

The need for an imminent

price rise was stressed at a meeting between the brewers and Mr Hattersley, Secretary of and Mr Hatterstey, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr John Sil-kin, Minister for Agriculture. The meeting was set up to discuss the Price Commission's findings on the industry.

Large brewers, who have all held their prices for six months, say that higher wages and other costs mean they must charge at least 1p more a pint from early next year. There

£90m speed-up in development grants to regions

The Chancellor yesterday gave manufacturing industry an unexpected pre-Christmas bonus by lifting restrictions on the timing of payment of regional development grants. This means that an estimated extra £90m in state grants will go to industry by the end of March.

Another £12m is being released by speeding up payments

leased by speeding up payments of agricultural capital grants. Under the crisis measures of July, 1976, Mr Healey ordered delays of up to six months in the timing of regional grant payments, made under the In-dustry Act for development area building and reequipment

In a statement yesterday the Chancellor said: "I accept that maintenance of these artificial delays is undesirable."

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Unaudited pre-tax profit for half year ended 30th September, 1977 (excluding BPT Leisure International Limited) £478,728 against £474.850. Profits from BPT Leisure £9,758 against £136,682 for 7 months. Turnover £10,389,046 against £11,333,532 (including £109,926 from BPT Leisure against £543,487).

After deduction of £254,013 for Corporation Tax (£317,997) and extraordinary item of professional expenses and costs for circular to shareholders in September £41,250 (nil), profit attributable to members of holding company £192,494

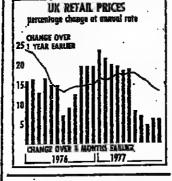
Intenm dividend, payable 6th February, 1978, of 0.4025p on 21,348,449 shares (same), again absorbing £85,928. Earnings on 21,348,449 Ordinary shares 1.06p (1.34p).

continued at the same level as reported for the first six months.

Trading in the second half of the financial year to date

K. O. Boardman International Limited announces that the Court has approved resolutions of the Company reducing its capital and providing for the cancellation of the 2 million Ordinary shares which have been issued as part of the consideration for the acquisition of BPT Leigure International Limited. Consequently, all the conditions contained in the agreements dated 10th August, 1977, dealing with the arrangements with Mr. S. B. Davis and Mr. I. Levy in relation to BPT Leisure international Limited, details of which were circulated to shareholders have now been fulfilled. Completion of those agreements has now taken place and the resignations of Mr. Davis and Mr. Levy as Directors of K. O. Boardman International

Limited have been accepted.



RETAIL PRICES The following are the index numbers (January 19, 1974= 100) for retail prices not seasonally adjusted, released by the Department of Employment

1977	(1) All Items	(2) Afi Itoms except seasonal food	Annus rate 0 incres in (2 over (month earlie
Jan	172.4	170.9	18.0
Feb	174.1	172.5	18.4
Merch	175.8	174.3	18.7
Apni	180.8	178.7	19.7
May	181.7	180.5	20.0
June	183.6	-182_4	19.5
July	183.8	183.5	15.3
Aug	184.7	184.9	14,9
Sept	185.7	186.2	14.1
Oct	186.5	187.3	9.9
Nov	187.4	188.2	8.7

How the markets moved Rises Apex Props Churchbury Derby Tst EMI Preedy A.
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Trafford Park
Union Discount
York Traffer 4p to 78p 7p to 307p 10p to 240p 6p to 129p 6p to 92p 10p to 450p 6p to 65p rv Est 5p to 190p 8p to 180p 8p to 180p 8p to 196p 2p to 24p 2p to 35p Jacks W. McNeill Grp Falls Redman Heenan 4p to 50p
Shell 10p to 516p
Snia Viscosa 2p to 33p
Ultramar 4p to 216p
Wheatsheaf 7p to 156p
Whithread 'A' 3½p to 50p
Winkelhaak 9p to 543p 6p to 150p 5p to 132p 5p to 190p 10p to 220p Dew G. ERF Hunting Gibson 9p to 454p 5p to 365p 5p to 298p Malayan Tin Oil Exploration Chit-edged stocks moved ahead.

Dollar premium 93.5 per cent (effective rate 37.68 per cent).

Sterling gained 80 pts to £1.8550.

The effective exchange rate index was at 63.7.

Gold gained \$1.50 an lounce to \$160.375 SDR-S was 1.20198 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.649719. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,421.4 (previous 1,431.4).
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Interim Statement: International

Base Rates Table

The Times Index: 200.15-0.62 The FT index: 471.9-0.2 THE POUND

\$CHS 1.62 28.00 2.02 10.93 7.60 8.80 3.80 3.80 4.26 9.60 9.60 9.60 1.74 153.25 8.75 3.79 1.82 3.29 3.29 4.25 Australia \$ Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada S Denmark Kr Finland Mrk 30.00 65.00 2,07 11.33 7.85 9.12 4.14 France Fr Germany Dm Greece Dr 77.50 8.90 Hongkong \$ Italy Lr 1640.00 Japan Yn 463.00 Netherlands Gld 4.48 9.96 80.00 Norway Kr Portngal Esc S Africa Rd Spain Pes Sweden Kr 9.10 4.01 Switzerland Fr US S US \$. 1.89 Yugoslavia Dur 36.75

Unit Trust:

Rates for small denomination benk notes only, as supplied vesterialy by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Dif-ferent rates apply to travellors' chaques and other foreign cutrency business.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

British Rail sell season tickets for 305 million passenger journeys a year-but do not guarantee that there will be any trains to ride on or promise to make any compensation to season ticket holders for the loss of days on which services are withdrawn, for whatever reason.

The Transport Users Consultative Committee in the South-east, where 450,000 regular commuters are carried in and out of London each morning have been concerned about this since Christmas 1975, when for two days no

They took counsel's opinion on the British Railways Board's claim that the conditions of sale exempted them from making any compensation. The clause in question—BR25833/2 16(iii) (c) in the conditions of carriage has never been tested in a court of law, but counsel's advice was that British Rail's interpretation would be upheld.

Condition 16 is the same sweep-all which allows British Rail to change timetables without notice and exempts them from liability for loss caused by cancellations and delays. British Rail's argument is that they do not charge more if season ticket holders choose to make several journeys on the same day, and therefore should not be obliged to refund for days on which the holder, for his own reasons, decides not to travel, or for days on which absence of trains prevents

him.

The new Paris suburban express line's computer system guarantees season ticket holders a fixed number of journeys, but in Britain the commuter is asked to gamble that there will not be a rail strike or a withdrawal of the services he uses

In the past British Rail has admitted the principle by making ex-gratia concessions in similar circumstances, so why not formally recognize the arrangement?

Children

The sooner the better with school fees . . .

The ability of the independent should look carefully at the schools system to survive—or dming of the commitment. schools system to survive—or rother the ability of the feepaying parent to survive it-must rank as one of the great mysteries of our time. However, survive they do.

But, even if you are not putting down your new-born son for Eton as soon as he is born, when it comes to the financial planning there is no substitute for early action on school fees.

Most people are far too busy, impoverished, or possibly (to begin with at least) egalitarian to consider such forward planning. It is only when the moment of schooling is actually bout to arrive that they finally face up to the prospect of pri-

And, with day school fees in secondary schools now about, and sometimes over, the £1,000 a year mark, they are a daunt-ing prospect. Undoubtedly, the least painful and flexible way of providing them out of income is to take our endowment assur-ance policies at least seven years before the date upon which the fees are expected to

As they mature, these policies can be used for anything. So, should the local state school start producing a crop of geniuses, the parent is not committed to the private alterna-

With the usual 10-year qualifying policy the holder obtains tax relief on premiums.

Instead of taking out one large single policy it is worth taking out a series, to mature at regular intervals during your offspring's school career. This reduces the burden by spreading it over a longer period.

Some people suggest using anti-linked policies. But, if you are relying on the cash value maturing in each year to pay school fees, you may find yourself forced to cash the units at a time when investment performance has been poor.

You may of course, have a

You may, of course, have a capital sum from which to pay the fees. Better still, your off-

spring's grandparents may wish to belp out.

Schemes for paying future school fees out of present capital are generally annuity-based and involve the transfer of the money and the school fees liability to an intermediate charitable trust. [The capital transfer tax exemution per indicate the school fees in the school fees liability to an intermediate charitable trust. [The capital transfer tax exemution per indicate the school fees in the school fees liability to an intermediate charitable trust. [The capital transfer tax exemution per indicate the school fees in the school fee transfer tax exemption per indi-vidual is £2,000 a year and the first £25,000 of cifts is nil rated. More can be given out if it comes within "normal and reasonable expenditure".]

Both Save & Prosper and the School Fees Insurance Agency offer annuity-based schemes to paying fees out of capital The lump sum, which guarantees the payment of a fixed amount of fees each year. is transferred to a charitable trust, which itself buys the annuity, matching the terms of the contract between the trust

and the parent.

Because of its charitable status the trust has no tax liability on the interest element o' the annuity payments. But it is important that anyone contemplating such a scheme

Year ended

1973

1974

1975

1976

THE STOCKHOLDERS

INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Earnings

1.36

1.64

1.83

1.73

Points from the Annual Report

Managers—JOHN GOVETT & CO. LIMITED

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Dividend

1.375

1.45

1.65

Total net resources £58,658,977

U.K. 65%-North America 25%-Elsewhere 10%

—In the year the asset value has risen by 33% and the market price of the shares has risen by 77% which reflects a significant and welcome narrowing of the discount to

This Christmas British Airways will fly more than 6,000 children on their long-haul overseas ser-vices from Heathrow. Of this number 4,000 will travel in escorted groups, 20 and 30 ar a time, the sons and daughters of British nationals working abroad.

To many of these children climbing aboard a jumbo is as familiar as hopping on a number 28 bus—and often more so. They attend schools in the United Kingdom and theirs is a two to three times a year travel merry-go-round, with journeys finely organized by the multinational companies, gov-erument departments or other organizations which employ their parents overseas.

The bus jumbo analogy in no way applied when it was pro-posed that my nine-year-old daughter should holiday with her aunt in Canada during the

But what has followed in the three mouths leading to her departure from Heathrow next Tuesday has served to reassure this doting dad that the principal airlines of the world are as skilled in looking after the individual child travelling alone us they are the large groups.
It pays, of course, to develop
such skills, since the cut-price
children of today are the full
fare paying passengers of the

forthere.

So if you are thinking of par-celling up your youngster for a holiday with a benign sunt in a distant land, the do-it-your-self list of considerations would run something like this:

First the fares : airlines divide rist the lares; airlines divide children into three categories — infants under two years old, who are charged 10 per cent of the full fare; "minors" between two and 12 years of age, who pay half fare; and 12year-olds onwards, who are adult as far as fares are con-

Transport Association (Iata) has spun a web of fare structures so intricate that British Airways alone employ a staff of 60 to translate rates for passengers. But the late agreement also means that fare rules are common to all members— the main airlines of the world. We wanted the economy class of fare. There is the advance

purchase excursion (APEX) rate), which although the cheapest in the economy class demands that the ticket is demands that the ticket is booked up to three months in advance and the cost settled in full at the time of booking. Moreover, there is a penalty clause, which could be 25 per cent of a return ricket in the event of cancellation, and a time limit for travelling.

hopes of a strong run up to

Christmas faded this week in

what remains on extremely thin

and technical stock market.

The FT ordinary share index

fell 14.0 and at lost night's

are leaving it late. The market

remains dominated by the

The wees began on a fairly

November trade surplus sup-

ported both equity and gilt-

edged prices. But both fell back from their best levels as the

Scottish miners threatened

short-term "bear" traders.

day account .

this position would probably feel they could do better by in vesting the money themselves. But if you had bought the plan six years ago the capital cost would have been £4.454 to provide the same fees for the next five years: the sooner you investor's week start planning the less painful the whole process is.

ools run their schemes, on principles similar to the ones outlined above. These are known as "composition" fee schemes. The school is itself a charitable trust.

Clearly, the insurance company offering the annuity fixes its

rates according to the returns it

plan up to seven years before the start of private schooling. If you are prepared in advance of that, it might suit you better to take out a life insurance

to take out a life insurance policy instead.

Clearly, if you put your money down a few years in advance, it is going to have longer to accumulate in value.

Figures from the School Fees Insurance Agency give the capital cost of obtaining annuity payments to cover annual fees of £1,600 a year for a five-year

of £1,600 a year for a five-year period (a total achool fee cost of £8,000). To do it now to pay fees for the next five years

would need a lump sum payment of £7,000—and parents in

You should start a capital

Holmwoods & Back & Manson help to operate a number of these school schemes and can

With scarcely a genuine investor of any size in sight, share prices lost ground on all five days of arrange transfers in cases where parents change their choice of school the first week of the long holi-The parent pays the hump sum to the school of his choice.

The terms vary according to the close of 471.9 was back at the annuity rates offered at the time and the number of years in level of three weeks ago. Big advance that the payment is made, as in the case of the S & institutional investors usually make a brief show of interest at this time of year, even if only as a year-end book-squaring exercise, but this time they

P and SFIA policies.
What if you cannot lay your hands on the necessary capital and have not organized any long-term way of funding the fees out of income? You are perhaps two or three years away from the fateful moment and you have to choose what kind of education you want for your

The range of possibilities at this stage is expensive and limited. Save & Prosper has just dropped its deferred annuities Scheme because it was expensive for both the parents and

the administrators. The School Pees Insurance Agency, however, continues to operate its own Income Plan. which can be used to provide fees in two years' time. It works in the same way as the capital plant, except that the parent pays in monthly instalments. from two years before to a after the schooling

period. It can help to spread the load a little, but there is no tax re lief on the parents' monthly contributions, although the charitable trust is itself a tax

> Margaret Drummond

Asset Value inc. 100 % Investment

Currency Premium

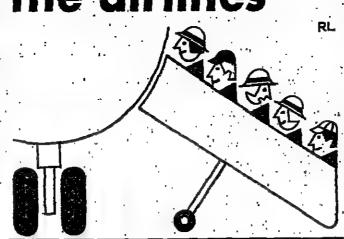
105.3

59.6

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91.9 122.6

Children under the protective wings of the airlines



the next cheapest in the class, requires that the passenger returns 14 to 28 days from depar-ture, but can be bought at any time and cancelled without

are no restrictions attached to the normal economy fare; but it is the most expen-

rates ere available principally to registered organizations, such as clubs, schools, companies and the like. Ad hoc groups simply established to take advantage of cheaper faces

However, since group rates. and these come in many shapes and forms with bookings re-quired up to four months in advance—are usually based on the full fare rate, they are not necessarily the cheapest way to travel. Moreover, on certain routes special children's rates are not available.

For a discount are fares on the published rates study the travel

Frowned on by Ista, member for by the sirlines throughout airlines and their agents, these firms can nonetheless provide the cost of a single full fare in

industrial action over the issue

This mood was carried over to Tuesday when dealers were gripped by a last-minute bout of nerves over the trade figures.

Some market people were freely talking of a relapse to a deficit, but in the event their

first thoughts were proved right by the £73m surplus. Even this

was not enough to stop the decline in equities with the threat to the Lib-Lab pact posed

by the Commons vote on the

Furopean elections issue prov-

As the week drew to its close.

equity prices were sustained by slowing down in the growth

of the money supply, Mr Healey's new letter of intent to the Juternational Monetary

the International Monetary Fund and further evidence of a cut in the pace of inflation.

resembled that of equities, with

Motor industry shares had a poor week with Mr David Plastow, the President of the Society of Motor Manufac-

gains of, at best, half a point.

On the fixed-interest side

ing the stronger influence.

of local productivity deals.

a useful and attractive discount a useful and attractive discount service to the paying passenger.

"Reliability", is, however, conditional on the protection afforded by membership of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and/or the possession of an Air Travel Organizer's Licence (ATOL), both of which guarantee the return of money in the case of default. In your own interests do not deal with non-affiliated agents.

agents.
Tickets for scheduled flights
can be between 20 and 30 per
cant cheaper when bought
through these discount agencies. saving arrived at through

bulk purchase.
The big sirlines have common procedures for looking after unaccompanied children. Groups are often chaperoned by a specially trained escort at no

extra cost. The number of children deemed to be a group varies. Gulf Air, serving Gulf destinations in the Middle East and new to the children transporting business, offers escorts free of charge to parties as few

turers' and Traders and manag-ing director of Rolls-Royce Motors, giving a warning about

Lucas rumbled 14p to 264p

after the chairman had said that the recent toolmakers strike could impair future investment plans. A warning of lower profits hit Smith's Indus-

tries to the tune of 14p to 154p.

8. Dew

Finlay, J. Gleniivet

156p 319p 500p

252p

287p

50p 113p

91p ICL

116p Tunnel

421p Braithwaite

Oil Exploration

Phoenix Timber: Smiths Industries

J. Waddington 'A' 24p to 228p

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Movemer

22p to 150p 20p to 298p

18p to 230p

12p to 145p

24p to 298p

160 to 157p 14p to 154p

addition to the child's. There are minor variations between airlines. Besides the commercial and

government organizations which assign groups of children to particular flights, the airlines themselves group children together from information provided on their computer book-

ing system. Similarly, children travelling alone come under the wing of the airlines' standard pro-cedures. Again, an airline's computer will have identified travelling minors or infants and a uniformed staff member will be deputed to take the child through passport and baggage control and hand her or him to a member of the cabin staff for

the flight.

It is then not so much a matter of escorting the junior jetter throughout the flight as jetter throughout the flight as keeping an eye on the child. British Airways has its famous Junior Jet Club founded 20 years ago, 90,000 of whose 215,000 members are from the United Kingdom. They get inflight packs and books and even have their own magazine, Fleetwing.

"We like to treat our children like grown-ups".

children like grown-ups", a spokesman for Pakistan International Airways said, adding: "Of course, we do make full provision for their special

PIA, which carries large

PIA, which carries larga numbers of children, makes a point of keeping junior passengers separate from the business traveller.

Pan-Am caters for the "special needs" of children by giving them a "Pierre Panda Fun Kit", which includes a "magic" scribbling pad, books, puzzles, and "Junior Captain" wings.

For all children under 12.

Justor Captain wings,
For all children under 12
years a brief indemnity form,
signing over the child to the
airline's care and haming the
host at the other and of the
journey, must be completed.
The form is normally provided
when the ticket is bought,
although it can be completed
at the sirport check-in desk
immediately before departure.
And insurrace most airline booking offices carry insurance application forms. You will
find that cover fur North
America is about dooble that
for other parts of the world.
In America, particularly, you
will need to ensure that your
policy gives your child adequate medical expenses cover.

After you have lifted your

After you have lifted your weary head from form filling do not forget to budget for clopies, baggate—and, oh yes, spending mobey.

Clive Lewis

Seasonal buyers thin on the ground Glazo slumped 27p on Wednesday on persistent market gossip that the group had run the possible consequences of into experimental problems continued industrial strife. His with one of its new drugs. The company's shares dipped 64p to group dismissed the fears as groundless, but the dropped 20p to 572p. the shares

On the takeover front Glen-livet rose 350 to 500p after better terms from Seagrams.

Takeover hopes

expectations

T. W. Ward stake

Speculators withdraw

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David Mott

Students' grants: "I was very interested in your article about covenants for young people at further education. I am concerned to know whether a covenant would count as the student's income in regard to student's income in regard to assessing the local authority grant. The regulation from Surrey CC says that a student's personal income of £215 or less will not affect the assessment value of the award, plus another £500 in respect of scholarship or employment."

Taxation: readers ask

When arrears are remitted Student grants

This week I deal with some more readers letters. The subjects covered are the remission of tax arrears, the income limit for a student's grant, and capital gains tax on private residences.

• In certain cases the Inland Revenue remits tax and a reader tells me that: "After reading that income tax under-paid can be waived when the income of a person is below £3,000 a year I wrote to the Inspector of Taxes asking them to waive the sum of £53.90 tax underpaid during the year

"I have just received his reply, in which he states that

of remitting tax arrears was set out in a White Paper of July 1971 (Cmnd 4729) after concern expressed by the Ombudsman for the taxpayer who is faced with an unexpected demand for payment of arrears of tax.

Not all underpayments are waived. The main condition is that the arrear has arisan because of a departmental error which involved the fallure to make proper or timely use if information supplied by the taxpayer so that he could reasonably believe that his affairs, were in order. The white Paper recognized that the degree of bardship imposed by the arrears would very according to the financial resources of the texpayer and so it provides for tax to be waited by reference to the tax to be managers' in-

Where gross income is less than £3,000 a year the whole tax will be remitted in cases of official error. Where gross income is between £3,000 and £6,000 a year one built of the tax will be remitted unless there are significant capital come from investments of £500 or more per someth. In that event, as also where the tax-payer's gross income is above £6,000 a year there will nor mally be no remission.

Conversely, these limits may be exceeded in exceptional cases where the taxpayer's income is just above the normal limits for full or partial remission and he has large family responsibilities, or where the taxpayer's investment income does not represent realizable capital (eg, an annuity).

If the reader feels that his case is one which meets the main conditions discussed above he should try again.



am assured by my own local authority that a payment under a deed of covenant from parent to child is ignored in

reply, in which he states that this is purely a non-statutory concession and does not apply in my case. I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know what this means and whether beside the income of below \$13,000 a year there are any other conditions required to qualify for this non-statutory concession."

I know that this question is of interest to a number of let furnished to a succession of readers, so a detailed reply might be helpful. The practice of remitting tax arrears was tenants. What is the position regarding capital gains tax if and when I sell the house?"

The basic rule is that if a house has not been owner occupied throughout the whole period of ownership only part of the gain is exempt. How-ever, certain periods of sbeence are treated as pariods of occupation and one of these includes any period of absence throughout which the individual worked in an employment all the duries of which were performed abroad.

But two conditions must be met. One is that no other residence qualifies for exemption and the other that both before and after the period of absence the house must, for a time, have been the main res

With regard to the latter condition there is an extra-statutory concession (D4) which says that residence will be deemed to have been resumed after absence abroad where an individual is unable to resume because the terms of his employment require him to work elsewhere.

To sum up, provided the two absence. treated as a period of occupa-tion and there will be no capital gains tax on disposal. Just to complete the picture.

if the reader has been overseas long enough to be neither resident nor ordinarily-resident in the United Kingdom, then the sale of any asset held in this country while he continues to live abroad would be exempt from CGT.

Finally, for the reader who is coking for a book on capital transfer tax which is reasonably easy to follow I suggest one of the following: Capital Transfer Tax by Ronald C. Ltd. in published by Evans and Macdonald & written for students of accountancy, but the lay person should be able to follow it as well. On the planning side there is Capital Transfer Tax Planning by Messrs Wright & Penney, published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and written in straightforward non-technical language.

Vera Di Palma

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te action taken by an rance company in settling total loss and disposing of salvage generally is based ly on commercial conscions. Some insurers say if a new car is damaged he extent of more than say per cent they will pay for cost of a new replacement. t year of a car's life. After s there is no rule of thumb, art from the fact that a icyholder mey be more satis-d with a cash sertlement in the repair of his: car, where want to avoid paying ore for repairs than they uld settle for a "write-off" cing into account the fact at, when they settle a total ss, insurers can sell the maged car—often for quite a

Some insurers, after settling or the total loss of a car, say out a fresh 12 months' policy must be avvenged. This can be an expensive exercise for a collective der if the insurance and been renewed not long pefore the accident.

Where it looks as though repair costs may exceed twothirds of the pre-accident value of a car, some insurers start thinking about settling a claim as a total loss. It should not be thought from this that the car as it stands will realize for the insurers one-shird of its preinsurers, one-third of its pre-accident value. Also other factors bave to be taken into

From this it can be seen that number of cars are "written-if"—and many of those find their way back on to the roads. There are many cars on the roads, bought second-hand, which had been involved in

Motor insurance

How much car again. And, of course, may not want to wait a time while your car is red. Equally, you may distible idea of buying a car adhand without knowing ther it has been involved in rious accidend. car is a write-off?

et the time of purchase. That however, from the safety point of view, is not as serious as it From time to time, it is agreed that prospective pur-chasers of rebuilt cars should have a right to know their history. For some years there history. For some years there was a voluntary arrangement between insurers and the Department of the Environment. Licensing anthorities were told of write-offs, and insurers marked the log hooks of cars which they sold for salvage. A two-tier structure of prices emerged—one price where a log book was marked, and a much higher price if it was not marked. This scheme, of course, did not catch no with cars.

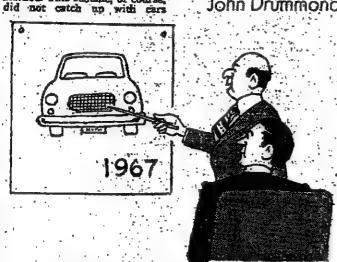
which were not insured for That scheme was discontinued in 1971 although musicers: still tell local authorities about the sale of seriously damaged cars. Usually, this means that, when a car is relicensed, the local police visit the owner. This is primarily for crime-prevention purposes (to check that the car is not a "ringer") although, clearly, the policeman would take action if he happened to see anything which might make the vehicle unsafe.

The general feeling among the authorities is that faults in the rebuilding of cars are responsible for very few actidents. Insurers who, after all, are as concerned as anyhody to keep down the level of accidents, feel that poor maintenance of cars is a very much more serious cause of accidenta. And, as the cost of motor-ing increases, so there seems to be a greater inclination to cut

be a greater inclination to curcorners on servicing and maintenance. And that, of coursemay lead to a policy being
invalidated.

While, therefore, the whole
position is far from perfect,
individual motorists can do
more to prevent accidents than
legislation concerning, writeoffs.

John Drummond



serious accidents, subsequently the being "written-off" by the insurers, and their purchasers have a right to know their history." . . . that prospective purchasers of rebuilt cars should

Taxation and women

Ending tax discrimination against working wives

organizations and individuals on a series of options it is suggesting as a means of remedying the present heavy-handed and discriminatory approach no women, embodied in our tax system.

More precisely, it is the discrimination shown towards working wives which the commission is objecting to in its consultative document. The commission and interest of pleased that it was her is to continue to be the departing husbend who refamily, then individual husbend wife whose husband had been by the Equal Opportunities informed by the Inland Rev. Commission) and wives must discrimination of some modest private savings. The commission is objecting to in its consultative document. The commission has presented that it was her is to continue to be the departing husbend who refamily, then individual husbend by the Holand Rev. Commission) and wives must discrimination. If it were to be changed to the individual, the implication of some modest private savings. To the individual, the implication of some without upsetting a marriage and causing a lot of misery?

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The commission is to be the basic tax unit? If it was her is to continue to be the departing husbend who refamily, then individual husbend wife whose husband had been by the Equal Opportunities informed by the Inland Rev. Commission and vives must have a little cash to call her tions for the family departing husbend with the individual the individ

mission is objecting to in its The commission points out si consultative document Income that the complaints are of Tax and Sex Discrimination symptomatic of the inevitable which was published yesterday. As the 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes Act says, "a woman's income chargeable to income tax shall . . . be deemed for income tax purposes to be her husband's and not to be

her income." It is not merely the lack of control that a woman has over her own income which upsets the commission and the many wives who have written to it, but also the lack of privacy that the present tax structure en-tails. The document quotes from letters received by the com-mission which reveal the anger, incomprehension and misery felt by many wives whose tax affairs are willynilly in their husband's hands.
There is the wife of an

who "blued" her tax rebate— contribution. sent to him—before she returned home from work; lem, admittedly an emotional
another wife progressing one too, which remains: what

friction between a system based on outdated assumptions about the place of women in the family and in society, and the considerable changes which have taken place in women's increasing role in the economy and in the composition of family incomes."

This in fact is the crucial element in the debate. For there are practical ways of partially alleviating some of the problems.

Higher paid husband and wives have the facility to elect for the beneficial separate taration of earned income; other couples can opt for separate assessment, which the commission would like to see better publicized. This, although not altering the family tax bill, does apportion the payment rata to esch spouse's

sion, all based on the abolition of the married man's allowance. The trouble with tax, however, is that it cannot be totally neutral. It is easy enough to suggest, as the commission does. that specific safeguards for the spouse who steps at home look-ing after children or other dependants can be introduced. home for preference may get a raw deal

a raw deal.

The first option will treat
hisband and wife as single
people with a special allowance
for the spouse with dependants. The second gives each a
single person's allowance to be
claimed against either income;
but would continue to tax hushand and selfa jointly.

band and wife jointly.

The third option scraps the wife's samed income allowance, too, to be replaced by a single personal allowance and a cash payment or a combination of tax allowance and cash payment for those with home, responsi-

Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index 2,041.6. Rise from January 1, 1977: +28.3%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +34.2%; over past three years: +116.6%. Statistics supplied by Money Manaecment and Unitholder, Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND.

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Stock markets

Inflation spur for gilt-edged

days the index lost it full 14 points.

By comparison the gilt market had a strong session with long dates adding half a point after a small mark up on the retail prices news. After hours prices

White Child & Beney were sup-ported at 70p, a gain of 5p over the session. The spur was favourable comment and talk that Guizness may come again

but the new short "tap" was largely untested at the issue price of £96.75. After hours the

price of £96.75. After hours the brewery sector came under pressure following a meeting hetween the Brewers Society and Government ministers at which the view was expressed that price idcreases should be limited to once a year.

Among the worst hit of the sector were Allied which alipped 3p to 91p, Bass Charrington, down 7p to 154p. Guinness 5p to 180p, Whitbread 34p to 90p and Grand Metropolitan where the fall was 5p for a close of 944p. Elsewhere in the drinks sector distiller the drinks sector distiller Arthur Bell touched 202p, a gain of 6p, after some favour-

On the bid scene a conditional

With bargains marked at a 210p, left Federated Chemical Union at 450p, Seccombe Markow for the year for a second 3p lower at 69p, but George shall at 240p and Cater Ryder day running the equity market Dew gave back 6p of this week's at 295p, all 10p to the good.

day running the equity market was in no mood to draw comfort from a further slowing in the pace of inflation.

After a firm start prices derived through a complete lack of support and by the close the favourable comment helped FF Index was back below its overnight level at 4719, a net lose of 0.2. Over a week in suspended at 70p, a gain of 7p which it lost ground on all five days the index lost it full 14 announcement. Arlington Motor held steady at 117p on rights held steady at 117p on rights issue news while White Child & Beney firmed Sp to 70p on take

over prospects.

The tanker collision off the coast of South Africa brought prices news. After hours prices to some of standed easier on the annual composite insurances, but as the day progressed they remained much of their poise with were up to five eighths better.

White Child & Beney were supaging a tuppenay gain to 153p. The comparative strength of the gilt market meant that discount houses were favoured

Selective interest in property shares favoured Bernard Simley 4p to 174p and especially Churchbury which jumped 13p

to 243p. Among the industrial leaders gains were scored by Rank 3p to 243p. Bowater 4p to 182p, Glaxe 2p to 572p and EMS which turned the corner at last with a jump of 8p to 180p. The approach of Christmas

did little for the retailing sec-tor though a firm feature was to be found in Alfred Preedy which closed 4p to the good at 78p. In buildings thespecularive Johnson-Richards Tiles anded 5p to 318p, and Taylor Wood-

With the speculators staying away Oil Exploration elipped another 6p to 298p, but P & 0 managed to hold steady at 110p after the chairman's warning on trading.

day's figures lifted Marley 3p to 80p but B. Fertleman dipped 4p to 31p after news of sharply lower profits. Two unchanged after statements were Plysu at 70p and Initial Services at 7(![p.

But another in retreat was A flurry of speculative interest home decorating group AG Stunies lifted the shares 5p to 142p and 16p over the week. At the end of October some of the family sold about 10 per cent of the equity and the word is that takeover news may not be far

> Homfray where the fall on the day was 6p to 55p. A return to dividends lifted Baroora Tea

Equity turnover on December 15 was £57.12m (9,712 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BAT Dfd, BP, 12311, ICI, Royal, Grand Metropolitan, Beecham, Gus 'A', GKN, Thorn

1	Latest results								
	Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's		
	Lat or Fin	£m	£m	per share	pence	date	total		
	Ang Am Asp (I)	1.9(2.5)	0.25(0.50)	-1-)	1.06(0.97)	15/2	-(2.4)		
	Arington (I)	20.5(14.7)	0.67 (0.37)	9.4(5.3)	2.5(1.4)	1/2	-(6.5)		
,	KO Boardman (I)	10.3(11.3)	0.48(0.61)	1.06(1.34)	0.40(0.40)	6/2	—(0.9)		
,	Brunner Inv (F)	-(-)	1.0(0.87)	3.58(3.05)	1.95(1.65)	3/4	-(2.9)		
	Chemring (F)	2.1(1.5)	0.26(0.24)	5.9(5.8)	0.58(0.55)	_	1.2(1.15)		
	Christy (I)	2.1(1.19)	0.06(0.03)	3.8(2.4)	0.55()	_	2-2(LOI)		
	Cullens Stores (I)		0.11(0.17)	- (-)	()		-(-1		
	Culter Guard (I)	9.7(8.5)	0.07(0.20)	0.46(1.30)	NR(NII)	_	···(1.0)		
	B. Fertleman (I)	1.7(2.1)	0.02(0.14)	—(;),	0.39(0.35)	1/2	-(0.8)		
	Greene, King (1)	-(-)	1.9(1.6)	-(-1	2.67(1.9)		-(6.5)		
	Gresham Inv (I)	-1-1	0.45(0.25)	—()	9.71(0.63)	_	—(1.8)		
	Hardy & Han (P)	9.2(8.2)	1.6(1.5)	14.9(13.8)	4.9(4.6)	6/3	7.0(6.4)		
	Homiray (P)	37.9(41.1a)	1.7(2.4)	5.4(8.6)	1.8(4.9)		3.1(6.2)		
,	Himslet (F)	7.5(6.1)	1.2(0.99)	48.6(39.8)	2.3(2.0)	_	2.3(2.0)		
	Initial Serv (I)	43.6(36.5)	4.4(3.4)	4.9(4.0)	1.25(1.0)	23/1	—(4.0)		
	Investment Co (I)	-(-)	0.16(0.15)	-(-)	-(-)		-(0.95)		
	Kennedy Sur (1)	0.7S(0.41)	0.11(0.06)	_{_iii	0.79(0.65)	3/4	-(1.4)		
	Plysu (1)	6.0(4.9)	0.45(0.49)	:ii	0.54(0.48)	6/2	-(1.2)		
	S&U Stores (I)	-(-)	0.18(0.18)		Mil(NH)		—(NEI)		
	Suter Elec (I)	0.79(0.62)	0.05(0.04)	0.S1(0.63)	-(-)	-	-(0.27)		
	John Swan (I)	0.33(0.29)	0.14(0.13)	40.5(38.9)	-1-1	_	—(19.5)		
	Dividends in this		net of tax on		Risewhere in	Rusiness	News divider		
		ross basis. To e		multiply the net					

A summer damper on growth at Plysu

By Michael Clark Although sales rose 20 per cent to E6.01m at Plysu, the plastic container and domestic wares group, pre-tax profits for the six months to October 14 slipped from £490,000 to £456,000.

However, Mr Charles Sum merlin, chairman, believes that figures for the full year should compare favourably with those achieved last time which reached £811,000 compared

Container sales, which accounted for £4.7m against £3.7m, fell short of forecast because of the cold summer which resulted in a premature shut-down of the soft drinks market. But demand for the group's Compact range, far the most important sector of its blow moulding activity, was buoyant and at times the group was unable to satisfy its customers.

customers.

Demand for the group's larger containers was satisfactory throughout the summer and has now grown to the point where further moulding machinery is being considered. At present Plysu supplies a relatively modest proportion of the market, but it intends to expand in this area in 1978. So far this year the housewares division has not shown any growth, with sales representing well below 20 per cent of the group's total. This division has proved profitable division has proved profitable in the past and the board believes that growth will return when customers have more money to hand.

In the past year Plysu spent £1.6m on extra plant, machinery and buildings. The result should be production capacity well able to meet a continuing growth in demand.

Arlington Motors and Christy Bros rights

By Alison Mitchell
Shareholders of Arlington
Motors and Christy Brothers
have been saked to dip into
their pockets for a total of
E850,000.

rights issues.

Arlington, which is taking the opportunity to boost the annual dividend by over 17 per cent, is asking for £730,000 at 95p a share. The money will be used initially to reduce bank borrow-

ings which have grown substan-ings which have grown substan-itally over the last 18 months.

With increased levels of busi-ness, growing vehicle rental, contract hire and leasing, and the rising costs of stocks, the resulting need for stepped up working capital has had to be mer by loans. However the chairman, Mr N. C. N. Housden,

at interim stage but below budget

Birmingham-based S. & U. Stores has managed a near £400,000 turnround in the six months to July 31 last.

A previous loss of £129,000 has been turned into a profit of £181,000 and the chairman, Mr. Derek Coombs, is confident that this unmed created will contract that this unmed created will contract the state unmediated created the state of the st that this upward treat will con-However, . He warns share-

to November sales below budgets, there is little chance of the group reaching the previously forcest £1m mark at

the year end.

The December pre-Christmas spending spree has boosted sales and the business, now completely re-organized, is well established for continued growth, according to the cheirman. Once agoin there is no dividend for ordinary share-budders. S & U has moved away from

retail credit into consumer loan credit and this is being made available to its 200,000 exist-ing customers.

previous £230,000 despite a fall in interest rates in interest rates.
Group pre-tax profit in the half year, at £671,000 is above that made for the whole of last year and shows a 77 per cent rise on the previous first half figure of £379,000. Turnover rose from £14.8m to £20.5m.

But the chairmen council a

But the chairman sounds a cautious note regarding the second half. Although the order book remains strong, sales of cars, coaches and car hire contri-bute more to profits in the first six months than in the second.

Electrical engineers Christy Brothers are to raise around £124,000 with a one-for-four

rights at 32p.
Firmly back on the road to recovery Christy boosted pre-tax profits by around 75 per cent from £39,000 to £68,000 in the chairman, Mr N. C. N. Housden, six months to September 30 on tells shareholders that the time has now come to finance this £2.1m. The dividend has been on a more permanent basis.

In the six months to September 30 on turnover up from £1.2m to £2.1m. The dividend has been on a more permanent basis.

In the six months to September 32 last, financial charges 3.5p for the year to March 31, amounted to £346,000 against 2 1978.

S & U turnround | Furniture slump bites hard at Fertleman

The slump in the United Kingdom furniture market has resulted in pre-tax profits at R. Fertleman plunging from £146,000 to £21,000 for the six months to September 30.

Turnover of the group, which makes modern and reproduction furniture, has also fallen sharply from £2.1m to £1.7m so margins collapse from 6.7 to 1.19 per cent. The interim dividend goes up from 0.55p to 0.6p gross. Mr Leonard Fertleman, chair

man, says that fixed costs necessarily account for a major part of overall costs and, con-sequently, the fall in profits is proportionately higher than in turnover. It is clear that any increase

in consumer spending in the home market is taking longer than expected to work through to furniture sales, and against the present background, the chairman says. Meanwhile, it is

Auditor's qualifications at Oceana Holdings

Losses at Oceana Holdings have deepened from £16,000 to £245,000 in the year to April 30, and the auditors have quali-tied the accounts They say that pre-acquisition

losses in a subsidiary amount-ing to £147,051 have not been written-off to the consolidated profit and loss account, despite continuing losses by that company, but have been treated as goodwill arising on consolida-tion. The opinion of the directors is that the subsidiary is in a favourable position to make profits in the future. The chairman, in his annual report, says that the directors

are confident that the company will steadily develop and that accounts for the coming year will show a substantial improvement.

RUGBY PORTLAND Sale of Societé des Ciments Francais 50 per cent stake in Linembourg subsidiary to Rugby Pordand Cement for Sm L franca should have shown sterling equivalent as £127,000 and not, as inadvertently published, £127.5m. DUNBEE-COMBEX-MARX

Noting that Triang-Pedigree of Merthyr Tydfil has been placed in the hands of a receiver, board says

Briefly

Pedigree Dolls and Toys and Rovex, has any connexion with Triang-Pedigree.

Board proposes that £772,000 be repirlized and applied in the form of 101 per cent preference shares of £1 on the basis of one preference share for every four ord shares held.

WESTON-EVANS GROUP
Order position is quite encouraging and present indications are that full year's activities will produce a record year for the sixth consecutive time. ASTRURY & MADELEY

Board says agreement has been reached for the purchase of Birm-ingham Steel for £158,000 cash. AZCON CORPORATION This Cons. Gold Fields offshoot has acquired a 51 per cent controlling share in Stalco Trading GmbH of Dusseldorf, West Germann Controlling States of Landbladder, West Germann Landbladder, West German

UTD SCIENTIFIC Further growth in turnover and profits is expected in current year. Rights issue has been taken up 97 per cent.



Mr Christopher Bland, chairman of Sir Joseph Causton.

right lines

Christopher Bland. He tells shareholders in the sonusi report that the upward trend, evident in the final quarter of last year, had continued.

A more to the accounts shows

that the group made a £6,600 compensation payment to a director for loss of office.

Causton back on

Troubled printing group Sir Joseph Causton & Sons is back on the road to recovery, accord-ing to new chairman. Mr

Margins hit at Greene King and Hardys By Bryan Appleyard Mr John Bridge, managing director, said the growth liad come from increased market On the same day that the Brewers' Society put the case

for imminent price rises, two brewing companies provided evidence in the form of pressurised margins. Greene, King & Sons reported e 14 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.9m for the half-year to October 31 on turn-

over up by 20 per cent to £18.85m. This pushes the group's margins down to 10.2 per cent compared with 11.25 per cent for the whole of last The board blamas this on rising costs but they believe they can maintain the same percentage growth of profit for the second helf.

come from increased market share and not from any physical expansion. Greene, King is still sticking to its home territory of Suffolk and relying on its beers and price competitiveness. He expects a price increase by the end of this financial year, but added that the company would not be the first to pany would not be the first to

yesterday was Nottingham-based Hardys & Hansons which in-creased its turnovar by 12 per cent to £9.2m in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits were up by 7 per cent to £1.6m.
The final dividend is 7.4p gross making a total of 10.6p against 9.7p last time.

Bid approach at Anston

the shares of property invest-ment and development group, Anston Holdings as the directors disclosed they had received a bid approach. On the takeover trail is Anston managing director Mr Raymond Stoner who already controls more than 24 per cent of the shares in the Horse Sussess groups. The over trail is Anston managing The movement in the shares director Mr Raymond Stoner had been noted by the Stock who already controls more than 24 per cent of the shares in look to see whether an inquiry the Hove, Sussex, group. The

A halt has been called today directors said they had to Stock Exchange desings in received an approach "which the shares of property invest-may lead to an offer".

ment and development group, Ahead of the suspension call 7p to 70p, putting a price tag of £2.2m on the whole group.

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Move to vote in son of late Barton's director fails

From Our Own Correspondent A move to get the son of a ate director of a family bus business on to the board failed at the annual meeting of Barton's Transport in Nottingham

Mr Alfred Barton jr, son of the late Mr Alfred Barton, was proposed and seconded to fill the post left vacant by the death of his father on May 22 lest. But the meeting was told that the directors felt it inadvisable to bring in a new addition to the board at the present time. They wanted to keep the board relatively small. There were no other reasons for their decision, they

Rowever, Mr Barton's mother said: "I do not consider my son would be an addition to the be-d, He would be taking his fa 'r's place and I do not see way he cannot do so." A resolution to elect him the board was defeated by 24 votes to 14.

This year is the company's golden jubilee. The firm was started in 1927 by the four original Barton brothers and has been operating as a pas-senger transport business ever since. It has an annual turnover of £4m. Mr T. H. Barton and J. E. Barton, who were both due to retire from the board of directors, were both re-elected.

Culter Gd **Bridge** slips 65 pc

The slide in profits continues at Culter Guard Bridge Holdings. Over the year to March 31 profits of this paper making and converting group dropped from £1.19m to £603,000. sithough sales picked up. Over the first half of the current year profits have slipped from £201,000 to £70,000 on turrover to £501,000 to £70,000 on turrover. up from £8.5m to £9.7m and the board thinks that the second half is unlikely to match the £400.000 brought in over the same period last year.

Meantime, the capital expen-diture programme is going according to plan and in the long term this will increase operating efficiency and add to the group's versutility.

Interim setback at Cullens Stores

The board of Cullens Stores is very disappointed by the half-year results, which show pre-tax profits of £116,000 against \$174,000. This reflects the difficulties facing the grocery trade at the present time, and they do not see them getting any easier until next

Consideration of en interim dividend will be given when they have had the benefit of the Christmas trade. In the meantime every effort will be made to the continue of profits by to stop the erosion of profits by expenses where they have some control over rhem. A property revaluation is planned.

Willows Francis-Guinness Peat

In the formal offer document, from Guinness Peat Group for Willows Francis, the board of Francis states that pre-tax pro-fits for the three months to Sep-tember 30 are well sheed of the corresponding period in 1976, but some part of this is due to the satisfactory completion of an important oversens contract.
Sales for the four months to
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In order to save expenses, the hoard has agreed with Guinness Peat to seek shareholders' approval for the issue of two new Francis ordinary shares for every one now held.

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Foreign Exchange

Helped by the latest evidence of a slowdown in inflation as measured by the latest retail price index, and also by the current weakness of the dollar, sterling made fresh headway yesterday. At the close the pound showed a useful 85 point gain at \$1.8550, compared with 1.8455 oversight. The trade-weighted index also improved at 63.7 against 63.6 on Thursday. Dealers reported very thin pre-weekend business with some small Continental and transitiantic demand soon satisfied.

The dollar held on to a useful gain at the expense of the Japanese yen at 240.55 against 239.00 in Loudon previously.

Gold gained \$1.50 an ounce to close in London at \$160.375.

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Discount market

The Bank of England yesterday brought an exceptionally large quantity of Treasury bills directly from the houses to relieve a shortsize of credit in the overnight nurse. For most of the session; rates were in the 67-1 per cent area in a market that was much quieter since the Bank's mid-week signal that called for stability in strort term money rates across the turn of the year.

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Wall Street

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Trading got off to a fairly encouraging start as the Commerce Department reported a modest 0.4 per cent rise in business inventories for October.

Analysts, however, said the key section of that report dealt with the fact that retail inventories rose only 0.3 par cent. There had been recent concern that retail inven-tories might get out of hand and lead to future production cuthacks.

Gold again mixed



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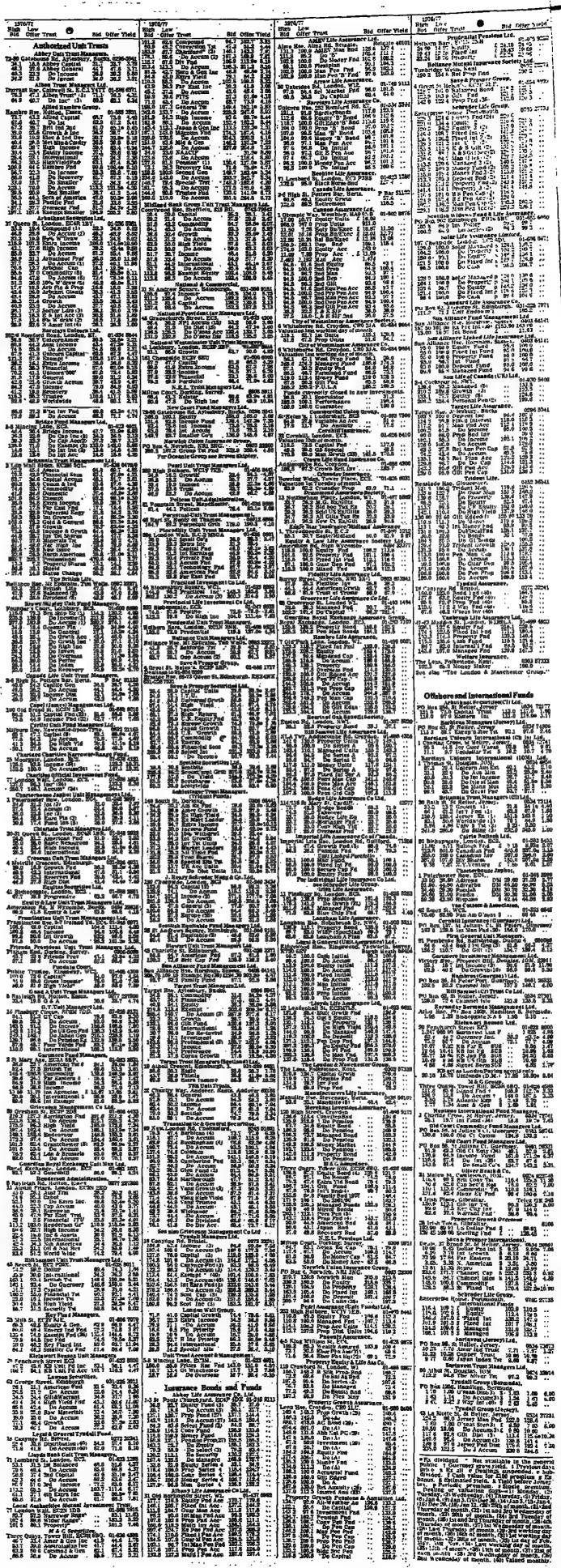
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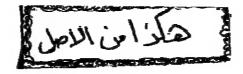
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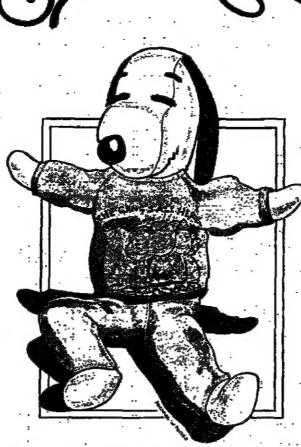
Heal's is a veritable fairyland this Christmas, packed with goodies and exceptionally full of toys. Not in the photograph but worth mentioning are pots of herbs containing witches Brew. The brews are many and so useful, being antidotes to Melanchoiy, Drunkeness, Hysteria and The Vapours, Gout, Wind and Amelanchoix Since all the regimes watches Brew. The brews are many and so useful, being antidotes to Melanchoiv, Drunkeness, Hysteria and The Vapours, Gout, Wind and Apoplexy. Since all the recipes are barbal brews from old witches recipes collected in West Sussex there is obviously West Sussex, there is obviously one for love, a real love potion, which is the one most people want although they buy the others for fun. These are £1.35 each. Crabtree and Evelyn soaps always make luming the

sents and the Avocado here is

one of many stocked everywhere and in plenty at Heals.
The bread basket is also fun
there are flat ones, medium
ones, small ones with sweets sideboard ornaments with a party look to them although the prices are rather high at from around £7 to £8.

In the background is a small sack of rum truffles from Merrypaul sweenshops, so popular with Times readers last year. Merrypaul shops are full

sweets too. The rum guffles are £1.35 and can be posted for 35p; an apothecary jar of coloured sweets is £2.50 (75p). Sesume and honey makes a delight at 95p plus 35p and really olde-worlde treacle toffees for 65p (35p). Some superb praises and ananas au rhum are, respectively, £2.95 (40p) and £2.85 (45p). If you can get near the shops, do, and be tempted. They are in London at 59 Fleer Street, at Sloane tempred. They are in London at 59 Fleer Street, at Shone Square and Leicester Square stations and at 10 Victoria Arcade, at the station end of Victoria Street, just near the Circle and District Lines entrance from the street. The last address, in London SW1, is the one for mail orders.



There is no doubt that Paddington Bear is this year's favourite, as our own tribe of children among The Times readers have testified, but Snoopy is still a close second. So look out for Mini-Mascot Snoopy dulls at 90p each; little velvet Woodstocks at £1.95; and plush and rag snoopy dolls from around £2 to £40. The Peanuts tumbling troupe, called Stackables, has five Peanuts characters who can be arranged to stand or perform like acrobats—at just £1.85. Snoopy memory boards, softball darts, games as described under Etcetera's wares, and even beandolls are all in the Snoopy image. Stocked very, very widely but, the distributor's trame is The Gladkand Ltd, 57 Crawford Street, London, W1. (01-724 3406).

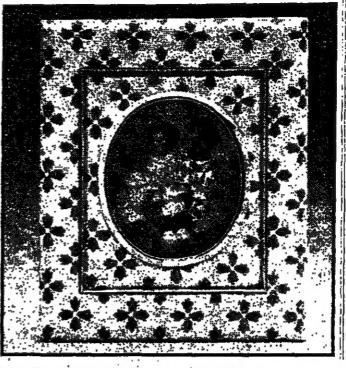
Sheila Black

A textile framed photograph has : softness and intimacy. This one is from Maples, Euston Road for £4.95 plus 50p and it matches curtain fabric at £6.75 the metre.

The card is thin enough for about 75p.

■ Make yourself a minicone, really young children to cut designed and produced by John easily, the colours are bright, Ryan, 12 Airlie Gardens, the heights are from two to London, W8. You buy a sheet four inches and they all look of coloured shapes which are rather like those little wooden cut out then rolled into cones Russian dolls. You can find to make a row of little them at all Design Centre characters. You can have Henry shops, Harrods, Heals, General VIII and his six wives; Robin Trading, Children's Book Centre Hood with five merry men; in Kensington High Street, and Housel and Gretel with their so forth in London. There are sweet cottage, cat, witch and some out of rown stockists or woodcutter: or Captain Pug-woodcutter: or Captain Pug-direct (01-727 8106). Each wash and four more pirates minicone card of characters is

A little company has a good games idea. They send you



magrams on certain themes. For example, they send you a list of Christmas words together with cards printed holdly with anagrams of the words on the list. Place the cards about the room and give each guest a pencil and paper. Then mark the best scores within a certain sime limit. Although it is a listle the next to get our aims and little late now to get organized for Christmas with the names for Christmas with the names of your family and guests, the stock is a good one covering 20 subjects like driaks, birds, cars, composers, Shakespearean characters, pop singers. TV programmes and many others. You could be sophisticated and order both Countries of the World and Capital Ciries, then use them both together in a World and Capital Ciries, then use them both together in a kind of double game. A nice idea and you can buy each set for £1.25 including postage. Write to Sphiux. 11 Grayshott Road. Headley Down, Bordon, Hampshire, and, for the complete list, telephone Headley Down 2792. They sent me as their sample "I'll shake cah". Had you thought of anagraming ell your names or making place ell your names or making place names that mixed-up way?

Caernarfon Castle (which is how the Welsh spell it) has withstood seige battles and tourists over 700 years to

remain as a splendid and majestic monument to Edward I, who conceived the fortress where the Prince of Wales was

invested. This year, thousands and thousands of children will build the castle again and then no doubt attack it, even raise it to the ground in time. For there is an impressive cut-out card model of Caernarfon in kit form, containing

six full colour sheets of card, pre-scored and only partly cut out to be made up by skilful, youthful fingers. The instructions are clear and easy and anybody above the age of ten

Buy it at any Department of the Environment shops or directly from the maker, Dobson and Crowther, Llangollen, Clwyd, Wales, for £1.65 including p&p.

Magimix has been a terrific there is nothing to be con-

or eleven should be able to cope.

food machine to me ever since

it came to Britain and my own

high opinion of it has been con-firmed by the thousands who

have since bought one. It was then about £57 and prices have

For years and years, Etcetera has been a source of fun to many and I have thoroughly enjoyed recommending their tricks as well as their host-and-hostess accessories. In the photograph, you see a small selection from a very large range that also includes some super leatherware such as handbags, shoes and belts made by a small factory of Italians here in England. The Kosta crystal ice bucker is a piece of great beauty, with the clear crystal esseutably unflowed—some cut crystal can be flawed as the many and I have thoroughly enjoyed recommending their tricks as well as their host-and-hostess accessories. In the photograph, you see a small selection from a very large range that also includes some super leatherware such as handbags, shoes and belts made by assuall factory of Italians here in England. The Kosta crystal ice bucket is a piece of great beauty, with the clear crystal essentially unflawed—some cut crystal can be flawed as the cuts can cover a few sins, but original bottle-shaped decanter metches it, just as crystal clear metches it, just as crystal clear metches it, just as crystal clear thrown pile-covered balls which stick to the felt and so

exceptionally reasonable set at £45 (plus £3). Of rough cotton, the colour is a kind of bluisheffect and the pattern is very reminiscent of some rather costlier ones. Navy blue bind-ing all around the sides make strong sides and a strong setting for the zip festeners. Red stripes help you to find it off the luggage claim—one of the Etcetera executives has been all twice and it is only just looking a bit worn. The cases are medium, large and larger, the

tote bag capacious.

A little plastic box with smaller boxes that fit or slide in and out like drawers is called an organizer (£1.25 plus 45p). I think they are useful for such small things as paper clips but recommend them mostly for bebies, who would love playing with these little fit-together flar but the marble, flat dish has a graceful stem to assemble when you open the mark and a semble when you open the mark and a sell for anything mark and sell for anything marks.

Bedlam's nightshirts and nightcaps seem to be endiessly popular, whereas I must confess

I thought they would prove to be a craze that

died out. The red, blue or brown striped sets

seem to be the favourite of quite a varied range.

In pure cotton, they cost £8.50 the set for the

knee-length nightshirt or £9.50 with an anklelength shirt plus 48p postage, etc. Do not forget to give chest sizes when ordering and to ask

about other patterns, including a pretty floral

to lay by the places of guests. out tickets.

Masses of little brown books. A Plain

stocking fillers or extra gifts

just 51 by 4 inches, are at Habitat, health food and other

shops, distributed by Hunky-

Called the Little Brown Bread/Egg/Rice books, besides the Little Brown Book of

Greens, they are paperbacks

with stiffish brown card covers,

and they contain simple, healthy recipes all in brown imic script on white back-

ground, rather attractive and appetising to look at as well as to feel. Little gems at 45p.

The History of Little Fanny is another adorable book. A facsimile is on sale

at the Museum of London shop.

of Earle toy books with cos-tumes dating from around 1830.

in different dresses and cus-tumes. It costs 95p (plus 15p

p.p. if you cannot make it to

will be a children's lecture on

December 30 at the same time.

It will be on children's banks

From Chapbook to Puffin

dory Designs.

Mini books are nice little such as costumes, toys and smeking fillers or extra gifts books. Entrance is free, with-

makes an easy-pass-around cheese "board" at £12.60 plus

metches it, just as crystal clear at £29.95 (£2.50 extra by post).

The adorable little alarm chock tells the time worldwide but I do not recommend it for desks unless the owner remem without putting the furniture at the feature of the feature at chock tells the time worldwide which stick to the felt and so but I do not recommend it for can be played in any room desks unless the owner remem without putting the furniture at bers to lock it away every single time he leaves the office. I and picuics, consider Frigitote, a portable refrigerator or anywhere and everywhere—the price is £16.95 (£1 p/p). In the background is one of a set of cans of beer or packs and cans of beer or packs and cans of beer or packs and cans the cans of beer or packs and pricately and the packs are the packs and packs are the packs a of food, then plug into the cigarette lighter of the car to cool or hear as you drive to-wards the picnic site. The two-way plug is the secret, and it holds up to half a dozen 12ounce cans of beer, coke or whatever and three or four sandwiches—£99, I am afraid.
A luxury item, true, but
Ettetera sells a good many
luxury items and I do mean
"sells". For instance, they have
had great success with the minhad great success with the mini-ature pocket TV by Sinclair, the clever calculator people, at £225 (posted for £3 extra, including insurance). You can even follow the prac-

tice of some executives and have your own personal com-puter. Feed in all that you have to do or remember, then tell the Mind Reader which will alert you on the appropriate day to go to the important meet-ing. Call up the Calendar to read off weeks or months at a time. It costs £395, £3 postage.

A Plain Cookery Book for

the Working Classes is also miniature, about 5! by 41 inches. First published in

1864. it shows the other side of life from Mrs Beeton's. It gives recipes on how to prepare a good quantity of soup for the poor, how to brew your

own beer, and simply tells you

how to fry, roast or cook the basics. After all that, the

author is Charles Elme Francatelli, once chief cook to Queen

Reprinted from the edition of 1852, this little book has come a kind of full circle and

is useful to the inflation-ridden.

tax-deprived middle lasses. I

at all chemists, and so you will

you can get vinegar and sage-

leaves to soak a rag in to cose

sprains and you could still bruise the leaf of a poppy to

bees. A really original, sweet

easy to find in the usual book-

shops so contact the publisher,

Victoria.

The original was one of a series doubt if you can buy hay saf-of Errie toy books with cos- fron any longer, then available

Text and pictures are in a slip- not be able to make Antispas-

case, the cut-outs delicately modic Tea to help you with

coloured to show little Faony spasms and indigestion; but

the museum). It really is bruise the leaf of a poppy to charming. Incidentally, there cure the stings of wasps and

December 29 at 2.30 and on little book at 75p, also avail-December 30 at the same time. able in packs of 10 and 20. Not

chance to see many things sell Street, London WCIB 3PH familiar to Victorian children (01-636 1865).

there will afterwards he a The Scolar Press, 39 Great Rus-

the money to spare. Now a joke is something like the Pet rock, a piece of rock in a box for those who wanted to avoid cleaning the cage in which it lay, the feeding and the walks in the parks. Now how would you like to swat flies with a Heath Robinson contraption at £7.95? Squeeze a trigger and a lever with a fly-swatter on it

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is my £4.95, it is still a popular shall deskgift. A plastic lady has a man shoots out stop her and the papers are clipped together when the legs of the couple are pressed together. Neither vulgar nor cigarettes,

and amusing rather than sexy or vulgar in any way. A laser is another expensive toy. A small desk-top machine merely shoots out laser beams, makes shapes and smages, sprays red dots or does whatever the slides dictate (£500). Solar lighters for

Hundreds of readers either bought or gave Sitikit (this page earlier this year) to motorists, typists, people with bad backs or just because Sitikit, the padded back-board, made many of life's occupations more comfortable.

Since then readers have told me that Sinkir

is an ideal bed board and that they have ordered extras. They are good for sitting up in bed and make all the difference to reading or working in bed. They are good to lie on, eliminating many backaches. They are in beige, tan or black and measure 18 by 10 inches by about 1½ inches

gradually gone up to nearer £79 or so. Determined to do something about that, for swatter (or ms remains) that tasteless, accepted by children and a bost of other toys, costly score is 100, the score lessening as the fly dies nearer the outside. They still have those large blocks of wood with apparently made, finished in a plate, porcelain and earthen-business made, in the place of stocking out to be ballpoint pens. The place paper clip I have mentioned before and, although it is another expensive toy. A laser Station Road, Edgware; 37 St is more than early legislation markly to be stocked to the place of stocking and amusing rather than early fillers. The shope are at 169 place of the pla

> thick. The maker has now produced a cover in pink or white for those who use them in bed, an unexciting, unsophisticated quilted uplon cover which is nevertheless highly pracnylon cover which is nevertheless highly prac-tical, non-slip, washable and dried in no time. It costs £3.65 including postage while Sirikit itself is £9.80 (including the £1 postage). A large number of older or disable people have asked for carrying handles on their Sirikits and these can be done for 60p extra, which is only just cost price. The address is Lacy-Hulbert Company, Wake's Way, Itchenor, Sussex.



so few regetables need the very thin sticing blades), blends, purees, liquidizes, kneeds dough or pastry and gives you soup in It chops your meet finely, as finely as you like, rather than mincing it, which loses you the health giving, taste imparting blood and which texts and bruises the meat as chopping does not. Besides, chopped meat is so much nicer than mince for per cent of minced meat recipes. The serrated knife blades do most of the jobs as they whirl round and round but the slicer and grater take up

see demonstrations at Diverti-ment, 68/70 Macylebone Lane London, W1. As remiters begin to take delivery, their names can be passed to you by the British distributor, Wellglen Properties, 25 Lower Square, Isleworth, Middlesex (01-568 7571). Inc. dentally, the smoky plastic goblet tooks ever so slightly thinner and lighter but it is every bit as tough as that of Maginix. And the new system of starting Robot-Chef, with a hittle flange that has octually

cerned about. It really is an indispensable kitchen machine

and the more I use Magimix

and find washing up the single goblet so simple (mine goes in the dishwasher) the more

delighted I am with it. I and

sure the Robot-Chef, at around £57, will make everyone who

buys it or is given it much the

some way. Robot-Chef is only just filter-

ing into various shops like Harrods New Dimension of West Ealing and Fulham, Brown Muff of Shelfield, Robert Kely

at Liverpool and so on. You can

to slide into a slot and click into place before the electricity can be switched on, makes it even more foolproof than the costlier Magimix and that ... foolproof enough. cannot turn on sorthing at all until the top lid of the goblet is fully sugaged over the goblet itself so there is no threat to meddling children or cockhanded cooks. I think it has one plus over Magionix, which is so powerful that I find it difficult to stop the motor at precisely the right moment— you can chop or puree too finely if you are not careful. The Robot-Chet is a shade less powerful, achieving just as much but not at such a high next to no space in a cupboard. Robot-Chef stands absolutely speed.

family when it gathers speed so You will have to work fast and 55, or there is a Felilis but you can just order a bunch of daffodils to arrive on someone's doorstep for Christmas from the Cornish Bulb Com- as well as from Stratford. Send pany, 18a, Church Street, Falmouth. 23 for 20 blooms may not be so cheap but spring at Christmastide cannot be cheap.

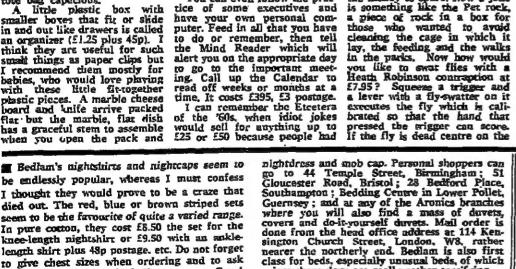
The Cornish Bulb Company

The also sells camelias, ready-togrow bulbs in pots, and some

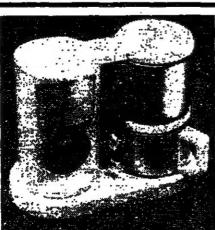
seed and fertilizer packs. List available. Give a year's subscription as an associate member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, which will cost £1.75 and will ensure that all leaflets about performances in the four theatres go to each associate, together with the privilege of getting two weeks priority book-

Topolski calendar showing scenes from productions for £1.50 from the Arts Council Shop or the Aldwych bookstall

From Monday, December 10 to Friday, December 30, there is the "Song of Hiswatha" at the "Song of Hiswatha" in the Upstream Theatre, Short Street, Waterloo, London SE1, presented by The Theatre of Marioneties, Barutimpin, St Anns, Lockerbie, Scotland (in case you want their other dates in other places). Let the young delight in 24 inch red indiana. delight in 24-inch red indians, strend in arrived, and en verthe dramatization of Louring at all theatres. Gift vouch- fellow's poem to Andrew ers for nickets are £3, £4, £5, Kirby's music.



prices these days are really rather terrifying.



Above: Pilco. Right: Ekco Hostess.

I am about the only person I know who does not want or even like early-morning tea. When I waken, orange juice is my tipple and it keeps cold overnight in a vacuum flask. But I have been trying out the Ekco Hostess teamaker and I found it a luxury that could rapidly become an essential. The little round kettle and teapot nest behind a clock and light—the light works independently, I'm happy to say. The pot and kettle are of staioless steel, and the kettle is easily filled through a top hole before the sealing lid, which is a neat bar of plastic, goes on to make it a watertight fit. A tube joins the two spouts to



make sure there is no drip, no possible chance of spillage and you have your tea

ready by the time the alarm rings. The principle is not new but the design is good and the whole thing essentially compact with better looks than those I have known in the past, apart from the larger but very smart Russell Hobbs teamaker. The recommended price is a mite frightening at £51.75 but you will find it a great deal cheaper than that at Curry's and some other discounting electricians. My favourite price is at Argos, where it costs a mere £38.95 and there are Argos branches all over Britain now so look at Street, Manchester.

your telephone directory or ask directory inquiries since they are opening all the

ime.

My second teamaker is also at Arge
My second teamaker is also at Arge a really well-designed one from Pifco that looks like two sbort, cylindrical towers on either side of the upright column with the control buttons. Independent light and stainless steel again, very good-looking and discounted at Argos from £49.50 to £35.95. If you have no Argos catalogue, it is time you did but only if you have some money left as you will be tempted by a lot. Get the full coloured catalogue from all Argos branches. For the other stockists, contact Ekco Heating Appliances, Drury Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, or Pifco, Princess

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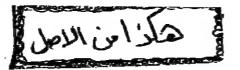
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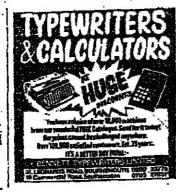
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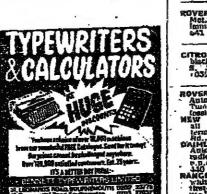
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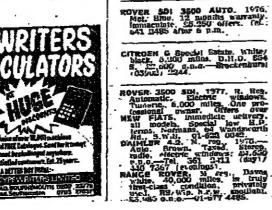
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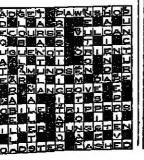
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